

Policy change on HIV compensation

Major pledges £42m more to haemophiliacs

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND JILL SHERMAN

THE prime minister yesterday bowed to political and public pressure and agreed to pay a further £42 million to haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus through contaminated health service blood products.

The Haemophilia Society said the money, an average £55,000 for each of the 1,200 victims or their families, was "a triumph for a caring government under John Major, but a tragedy for the haemophiliacs' campaign".

The society, which had been hoping for at least £90 million, argued that the sum was too little, too late and that it failed to provide adequate compensation for those infected. Two hundred and sixteen have developed Aids and 150 have died.

The handout represents a government U-turn. Kenneth Clarke, the former health secretary, and Margaret Thatcher had argued that compensation should be settled by the courts. Yesterday, William Waldegrave, the health secretary who had discussed the issue with Mr Major and the new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, David Mellor, said: "A

number of fresh minds came to look at this." The prime minister underlined that the Conservative party was under new management by announcing the concession himself during Commons question time. The government had accepted an offer from the lawyers representing the HIV haemophiliacs plaintiffs who are suing the government for negligence, he said.

Mr Waldegrave said later that the £42 million would be in addition to the £34 million already allocated. The money will be distributed by the MacFarlane Trust and will be exempt from social security clawbacks, saving the average family of two £10,000. The government would also meet all "reasonable" legal costs, expected to amount to around £2 million. However, the health department made clear that the offer was conditional on all the litigants dropping their cases. Ministers also insisted that it was a final offer, not the opening of a bargaining process.

The cases were brought earlier this year after more than four years' campaigning by haemophiliacs and their families. The plaintiffs argue that the government's failure to ensure that England and Wales were self-sufficient in blood products led to most of the victims being infected by contaminated blood products from America before 1985.

Mr Waldegrave said the government had carefully considered proposals from the steering committee of solicitors representing the plaintiffs and agreed that they would provide a fair way of ending the litigation.

"We believe that our case is legally strong and that the plaintiffs would not succeed in proving negligence of the part of the Department of Health," he said. "Nevertheless, the government has always recognised the very special and tragic circumstances of the haemophiliacs infected by HIV and their families. We recognise, too, the harrowing effect legal action would have on them."

David Watters, general secretary of the Haemophilia Society, expressed grave disappointment at the size of the award. "John Major and William Waldegrave are to be

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Willoquet: a mighty and unexplained comedown

JEAN-CHARLES Willoquet, who assiduously cultivated the image of a devil-may-care master criminal and was formerly France's public enemy number one, died in a shoot-out with police in Alençon yesterday after being caught burgling the modest home of an old woman.

The French have always had a soft spot for their more celebrated gangsters, following their exploits with often admiring attention. Yesterday's exhaustive press coverage of Willoquet's violent end was no exception.

From the austere pages of *Le Monde* to the French communist mouthpiece, *L'Humanité*, his death made headline news in every national newspaper. *Liberation* gave its story — "Party is over for Jean-Charles" — the best part of a full page, recalling his career in armed

robbery in the sort of detail normally reserved for the passing of a well-known public figure.

In his way Willoquet, aged 46, was exactly that: certainly more familiar than most politicians. People on the Parisian Métro yesterday were talking about his death, wondering why on earth a big-league criminal should have been caught in the act of suburban burglary.

Recalling grander days, the story on everyone's lips yesterday was of the spectacular escape Willoquet made from a courtroom in Paris during one of his many trials. His wife, Martine, disguised as a barrister, produced a hand-grenade with the pin out and threw a pistol to him in the dock. With two hostages in tow, the couple made off in a blaze of gunfire, leaving behind two wounded policemen and greatly enhancing their reputation as the French Bonnie and

Clyde. The fact that Martine was an attractive blonde did not hurt the immense press coverage that ensued.

There is something of a tradition in French criminal circles of devoted wives and occasionally mistresses, risking everything to rescue their man, even if it means hijacking cars or helicopters to do so.

By Willoquet's criminal standards, house-breaking in Alençon represented a mighty, and as yet unexplained, come-down. He was not short of money, it seems, and, as a convicted prisoner on provisional liberty, he must have appreciated the extra risk involved.

As for his last victim, Ross Khan, aged 81 from his hospital bed last night she said that this "gangster story" had been nowhere near as frightening as her encounters with the SS during the Nazi occupation of France.



Share switch-on: a dealer at James Capel handling the first rush for electricity shares when trading started yesterday

Hurd gives 'peace at any price' warning

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE British government yesterday dismissed suggestions of a weakening in the international resolve to defeat President Saddam Hussein.

Ray MacSharry, the European agriculture commissioner, said a warning from the foreign secretary of the hazards of peace at any price.

As hundreds more hostages returned home from Baghdad, Douglas Hurd told the Commons that there could be no compromise or concessions on the requirements of the United Nations security council for Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait.

Earlier John Major, the prime minister, emphasised the remarkable degree of international consensus and said that the security council resolutions must be met in full.

Mr Hurd told MPs that Britain faced the risk of war after raising stronger doubts than before over whether sanctions would force an Iraqi withdrawal. He said the Iraqi people were used to hardship.

It must be questionable whether sanctions, even if applied for a long period, will undermine the resolve of Saddam Hussein to keep his grip on Kuwait.

Mr Hurd faced head-on reports which suggested that the unity of purpose against Iraq was disintegrating. He said: "The House can see this is not so. All of us are working for a peaceful outcome. None of us is ready to settle for anything less than the security council requirements."

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, maintained the Opposition's support for the government line. Labour's overwhelming preference was for the crisis to be resolved by the use of sanctions to force Iraq's withdrawal, he said.

Edward Heath, the former prime minister, urged talks to secure a peaceful solution.

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EC reforms likely to hit big British farms hardest

From PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S large farms will be among those worst hit by "revolutionary" agricultural reforms to be announced by the European Commission next week, according to officials in Brussels.

Additional financial pressure will come from the commission's new campaign for environment-friendly farming, an integral part of next week's reform package.

The full impact of the overhaul and the expected backlash from Britain will not be felt until EC ministers set next year's harvest prices.

The commission insists the reforms do not betray a softening of the community's position in the Uruguay round of world trade talks, which were

Brussels is bracing itself for a barrage of opposition from Britain and the Netherlands, which fear they will be penalised for having the most efficient farming systems in Europe. Full details of the reform package have yet to emerge, but it is understood it will focus on curbing surplus food production, which is on the rise again.

The curb will hit small farms hardest. But, as the commission is under pressure for an overall cut in farm spending, which still swallows two-thirds of the community's budget, it sees no option but to

suspend last week after Brussels refused to meet American demands for deeper cuts in farm subsidies.

There are signs, however,

that John Gummer, the agriculture minister, and his Dutch and Danish colleagues may push the EC towards greater farm concessions when the trade talks reconvene in Geneva in the new year.

Meeting party to assess the impact of last week's deadlock, EC ministers reaffirmed their belief that Washington's expectations on cutting export subsidies were too high.

A Brussels farm spokesman,

however, gave the strongest signal yet that ministers may be contemplating a revision of the strict mandate by which they have instructed the commission to negotiate farm reform in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"We can no longer just sit still," he said.

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Moscow refuses US call for Gulf troops

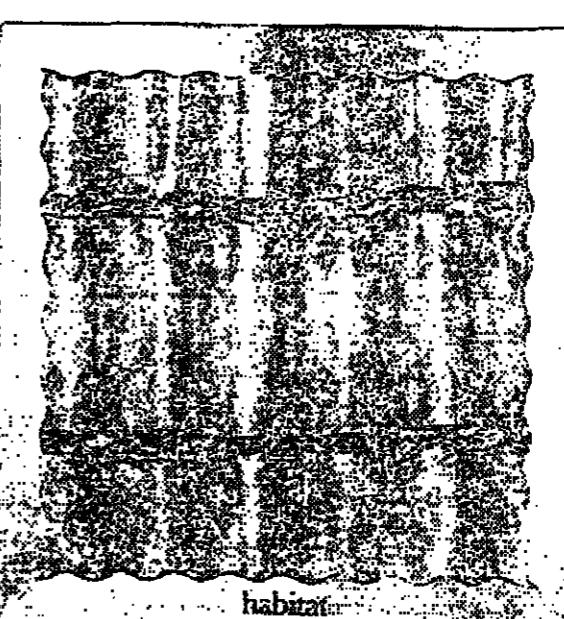
From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE United States was expected to press the Soviet Union yesterday to add a symbolic contingent of troops to the US-led international forces arrayed in the Gulf in order to increase the credibility of the military threat against Iraq.

According to *The Washington Post*, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, refused a request on Monday from James Baker, the secretary of state, for a token Soviet military presence. The paper quoted Soviet sources as saying Mr Shevardnadze voiced continued

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CRACKERS WITH PROPER STUFFING



From a Christmas range.

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Power shares close at 50% premium

By MARTIN WALLER

ELECTRICITY shares yesterday closed about 50 per cent higher than the price at which they were offered after hectic first day dealings.

Closing share prices ranged from 14½p for London Electricity through to Manweb at 160p. But dealers questioned whether these prices would hold up once the retail investor was able to deal.

A total of 5.7 million people applied for the shares, but most of those lucky enough to receive any will not be able to deal until well after Christmas, when they can hope to see their share certificates.

The large premiums immediately and predictably drew fire from the opposition. Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, said the 60 per cent surge in electricity share prices indicated Mr Wakeham could have got £3 billion more for the issue.

"If Mr Wakeham had been a local councillor, the district auditor would have prosecuted him for breach of fiduciary duty."

John Wakeham, energy secretary, was riding out the criticism as he toured the dealing floor at James Capel, the broker. "Your statement is nonsensical," he snapped to a suggestion that assets valued at 170p by the City might be worth closer to that than the 100p they were sold for.

"It's a post facto judgment, and that's bloody easy for all of us. Let us see how the situation settles down," he countered. The two generators, National Power and PowerGen, would be floated on the same basis, he added.

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School budget plan will put squeeze on education authorities

By DAVID TYLER
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LOCAL education authorities will have to make substantial savings and some services they provide may disappear once schools take control of at least 85 per cent of their budgets, Michael Fallon, the junior minister for schools, said yesterday.

He said that new regulations would be in effect by April 1993 and that the local management of schools (LMS), which hands the day-to-day running of schools to heads and governors, would apply to all schools by the following April. As reported in *The Times* earlier this month, he estimated that the 15 per cent limit on funds held at the centre would release an extra £1 billion a year for schools

to spend as they wished. It would be up to them to decide whether to buy the services from the local authority or elsewhere.

Mr Fallon said: "Ministers find unacceptable the huge differences between local education authorities in the proportion of the education budget delegated to schools. Some councils are holding back far too much at the centre, on administration and on support services."

He said that the latest figures showed variations ranging from 28 per cent to 17 per cent which could keep back up to £100,000 from some schools. A round-up of 86 authorities showed that two Conservative London boroughs, Bromley and Westminster, were among the worst offenders, keeping back nearly 20 per cent and 22

per cent respectively. Labour-controlled Bolton, Lancashire, comes top of the list, distributing more than 89 per cent to schools.

Mr Fallon said: "This new requirement will bite quite harshly. Only 19 local authorities now meet the new requirements and the others have very much more to do and will have to look at substantial cost savings at the centre."

This is a very clear warning that the boroughs have much to do to see their service is as streamlined as possible. The aim is to turn the bureaucracy into a service; and if schools decide not to subscribe to these services we would expect them to withdraw."

Under the new regulations, local authorities will be able to hold back only on capital expenditure

and interest payments, expenditure supported by grants from the government and the European Community, home to school transport, school meals, cleaning and maintenance.

Mr Fallon also announced that by April 1, 1993, 80 per cent of the school budget must be directly linked to the number of pupils in the school, and that open enrolment, allowing parents to choose schools, would be extended to all primary schools from next September.

These radical steps fulfil our undertaking to give more powers of decision-making to the governors and head teachers of schools. They also give genuine choice to parents which will drive up standards as schools and parents take advantage of the freedom

to make their own decisions," Mr Fallon said.

"These measures will ensure that our schools control more of their budgets and the size of these budgets is determined by the number of pupils they attract. This will ensure that our primary and secondary system is more responsive to customer choice."

All small schools will handle their own affairs from April 1994 and special schools will be able to apply for a delegated budget from the same time.

The proposals were greeted with dismay by Stephen Byers, chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. He said: "LMS is still in its infancy and there should be a period of mature reflection in order to monitor and evaluate its

operation. There will now be further changes when what we badly need in the education service is a period of stability."

Mr Byers said that the most worrying proposal was that to link more of the funding to pupil numbers. "This will make it extremely difficult for local authorities to fund schools on the basis of their actual need. It will set school against school on a mad scramble for pupil numbers. It will impose market forces in the school system based on winners and losers. This is unacceptable."

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers, welcomed the new regulations "provided they do not detract from the government's overall responsibility to fund state schools properly".

Police chief urges council to change funding rules

By CRAIG SETON

THE Derbyshire police authority was accused yesterday by John Newing, the chief constable, of delegating its constitutional responsibilities to the Labour-controlled county council in breach of the Police Act.

Mr Newing's criticism of his police authority comes after the publication last week of an inspectorate of constabulary report on Derbyshire police which criticised the county council for imposing bureaucratic financial and other controls on the running of the force, bringing it to the brink of inefficiency.

Mr Newing pleaded with the Labour-controlled police authority at a meeting yesterday to change the way it applied financial regulations to himself and the force. Councillors were told that £20 million was needed to repair police buildings in Derbyshire.

The chief constable said that he feared the result of Mr Dear's report would be the drawing up of battle formations along party political lines, with Derbyshire police in no man's land. He added: "It is tempting to conclude there will be no winners in such a war. Certainly few of us will emerge unscathed."

Mr Newing, who took office in June, called for a meeting to discuss the constitutional role of the police authority, the county council and the chief constable. He said that while the Police Act 1964 laid down that the authority should be a committee of the county council, it cannot be run like other committees in the county council.

He added: "By adopting county council financial regulations and accepting, whether by default or not, county council procedures for budget review, vacancy control and policy performance and review, the police authority has delegated its responsibilities to the county council. The Police Act does not give you the authority to do that."

Mr Newing, formerly deputy assistant commissioner with the Metropolitan police, told the police authority that the home secretary had power under the Police Act to enforce compliance with Mr Dear's report. He said that he would be pursuing Mr Dear's recommendations as his contribution to avoid such an exceptional step.

Mr Dear's report was not about resources, but about the role of the

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Homes may be cut off until weekend

By DAVID YOUNG

THOUSANDS of homes are still without electricity and water supplies after the weekend blizzards and many may not be reconnected before the weekend. Emergency crews are continuing to repair storm damage.

At least 190,000 homes across Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire are still without electricity and water. Fifty Derbyshire schools remained closed yesterday, and schools in Nottinghamshire were also shut. Three main roads in north Derbyshire were still blocked. In east Shropshire about 20,000 people were without mains water.

Alan Meale, Labour MP for Mansfield, said that the blizzard had been a catastrophe and promised to raise the matter in Parliament. Harry Barnes, Labour MP for Derbyshire North East, said he would press for the situation to be declared a national disaster and added that money should be made available for a co-ordinated effort so that it could be

quickly remedied. Helicopters and mountain rescue teams were yesterday searching for two missing climbers in the Scottish mountains, one on Lairig Ghru in the Cairngorms, and another on Ben Nevis near Kilchearn, Argyllshire.

In Nottinghamshire, two pensioners died in separate house fires during power cuts at their homes caused by the storm. Arthur Radford, aged 95, from Mansfield, and Catherine Vanberbeek, aged 93, of Worksop Junction, both died while their electricity was off, police said.

Meanwhile, union officials are angry that hospital staff unable to reach work in the recent snow blizzards will not be paid. Midlands hospital workers will lose a day's pay even though roads were brought to a standstill.

Howard Shaw, district general manager of East Birmingham Hospital, said the decision was part of hospital policy.

Loss-making coal mine to close

By TIM JONES

BRITISH Coal yesterday announced that Britain's most costly pit, which has lost more than £16 million over the past seven months, is to close four days before Christmas with the loss of 800 jobs.

Miners at Lea Hall colliery at Rugeley, Staffordshire, said they were devastated and pledged to fight the closure although they will be offered alternative work.

Tony Deakin, the corporation's central group director, said that over a five-year period £34 million had been invested in the colliery but unforeseen geological problems meant it was no longer viable. Coal from the mine, which mainly supplies a power station near by, costs an uneconomic £80 per tonne to produce.

The announcement came just six days after Lord Haslam, the British Coal chairman, said the industry was on course to make pre-tax profits of £100 million in the year to end to March.

John Rimington, director-general of the Health and Safety Executive, admitted, however, that it was often difficult to pursue

those responsible for safety lapses. "It is difficult to connect an executive to the blood on the floor, but we are quite prepared to take managers and executives to court."

The commission's annual report shows that workers on construction projects have borne the brunt of deaths and injuries in a year which has seen about 600 families bereaved through industrial accidents. In spite of a slight reduction in fatal injuries on construction sites, serious-injury rates have risen by 10 per cent in the past two years.

The figures show that during 1989-90 some 32,000 people were seriously injured and 160,000 were hurt badly enough to stay away from work for three days or more. The report suggests that more than 500,000 people suffer continuing damage to health from work, which accounts for 2,000 premature deaths and contributes to a further 8,000.

The provisional accident statistics for the year for employees and self-employed staff, showed that there were 623 deaths, including 95 who died in the Hillsborough football stadium disaster. In the previous year there were 697 deaths.

For employees, the statistics record 339 fatal injuries and suggest that the eventual injury rate will be about 1.6 per 100,000. Other industries, such as coal extraction, mineral oil processing, man-made fibres, food, drink and tobacco, and rubber and plastic processing also show rising rates of fatal and major injury.

The Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, has decided not to refer the ruling by the judge who directed acquittals in the Zeebrugge manslaughter trial to the Court of Appeal on a point of law (Frances Gibb writes). A statement issued yesterday said that he had considered the transcript of the rulings made by Mr Justice Turner, but that the case did not warrant being referred.

Organisers estimated that 3,000 lecturers and other university staff from all over the country took part in the protest, which was staged by the Association of University Teachers and held in London. A delegation from the 31,500-strong union was to meet Mr Clarke.

Mr Smith quoted from a briefing for MPs by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, after the side had

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Fidelity pact with Ripper no sham, wife tells libel jury

By ROBIN YOUNG

PETER Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper who was jailed for life in 1981 for the murder of 13 women, received regular visits and love letters in Broadmoor from ten women, a High Court jury was told yesterday.

Sonia Sutcliffe, the Ripper's wife, told Mr Justice Drake and a libel action jury that she still intended to keep the promise that she said she had made to her husband to remain faithful to him for ten years.

Mrs Sutcliffe denied that the pact she made with her husband was a "sham" because she knew he received love letters from other women, including one who sent him a photograph of herself in a bikini. "It is not a sham for my part," Mrs Sutcliffe said during cross-examination on the seventh day of her High Court action against the *News of the World*. She told the jury of nine women and three men: "I know the odd lady so does like to write to him and also to be kind and support him."

Barbara Jones, a journalist who is representing herself in the action in which Mrs Sutcliffe is suing the *News of the World*, had suggested that the fidelity pact, that Mrs Sutcliffe said she entered into after her husband was jailed, was "total nonsense".

Mrs Sutcliffe claims she was libelled in an article alleging she had an affair with George Papoutsis, a Greek tourist company director. The newspaper denies libel but claims that Miss Jones and Mr Papoutsis would be liable for damages if the newspaper loses its case.

Miss Jones said that both she and Mrs Sutcliffe knew that Peter Sutcliffe received love letters from about ten women, who also visited him and "held his hand". Mrs Sutcliffe said: "My understanding is that there are ladies who do write to him. I know of one lady. I saw her picture. I don't know why she sent him a picture of herself on her own bed in a bikini and said

she'd like to correspond with him. He sent a letter and a picture of himself back."

Mrs Sutcliffe said a friend whom she had arranged to visit while on holiday in Greece with Miss Jones had seen some of her husband's paintings, including a copy of the Mona Lisa, and had said that, because he painted such sweet expressions, there had to be "another side" to him.

Miss Jones: "Do you agree with that?"

Mrs Sutcliffe: "I do not agree that anybody is totally bad."

Miss Jones read a statement to the court from Mr Papoutsis in which he said there was a "mutual attraction between myself and Sonia from the moment we met". Mrs Sutcliffe has denied that she felt romantically inclined towards Mr Papoutsis.

He said in the statement that she was "undoubtedly flirting with me continuously" and seemed fascinated by him. He said it was difficult to explain what was almost a "chemical reaction". He wrote that Mrs Sutcliffe had told him he was the first man she had trusted. She had "opened her heart to him" and he had hoped their

"obviously intimate" and "blossoming" relationship would grow into something more permanent. Mr Papoutsis described Mrs Sutcliffe as "a highly intelligent woman who knew exactly what she was doing".

Mr Papoutsis said in the statement that he did not believe Miss Jones and Mrs Sutcliffe were in Greece to write a travel article. He had been "astonished" when he had to pay two hotel bills on Mrs Sutcliffe's behalf. Though the sums were low he said it seemed typical of Mrs Sutcliffe "to take with both hands". As a businessman he could not help admiring her cheek.

Miss Jones suggested that Mrs Sutcliffe had arranged for her to visit Broadmoor under a false name. Mrs Sutcliffe replied that the idea had originated with her husband. She said that her husband had originally been concerned to meet the person with whom she was going on holiday.

"So I was being taken to Broadmoor to be looked over by the Yorkshire Ripper, was I?" Miss Jones asked.

"By that time we had already been on holiday," Mrs Sutcliffe said. She denied that it had been intended that the three of them should "do a book" together and said she had been "dead against the idea".

Mrs Sutcliffe denied asking Miss Jones if she could pay £25,000 she expected to receive from *The Yorkshire Post* into Miss Jones's bank account to "laund" it so that she would not have to declare it to social security officials.

Miss Jones asked Mrs Sutcliffe if she had used any of the third of a million pounds damages she had received. Mrs Sutcliffe said she had not "worried her head" about money that might not stay with her. She and her parents pooled their money and lived on her £50 a week benefit and their pensions. The hearing continues today.



Lead role: Liza Goddard and some shaggy friends in Green Park, London, yesterday, helping to mark the centenary of the National Canine Defence League.

The celebrations, also joined by Jill Cooper and Jenny Seagrove, coincided with the league's publication of a report urging tougher penalties for owners who fail to control their dogs.

It said that more than 90 per cent of the population believed that owners were responsible for misbehaviour by their pets and wanted stricter controls to deal with offenders. The launch also repeated the seasonal message that "a dog is for life ... not just for Christmas".

magistrates' decision that the father should have his daughter to stay with him every weekend and see her every Wednesday.

The magistrates had granted the father — who left the mother before the child was born — weekly "staying access" from mid-afternoon on Fridays to midday on Saturdays. The mother wanted staying access reduced to once a month, but the judge decided it should be once a fortnight.

Mr Justice Ebwank made it clear that the parent who looks after the children should have the upper hand in their lives. Getting to know both parents on equal terms is not necessarily in the best interests of very young children from broken homes, he held.

He added that magistrates at Highbury Corner, north London, were wrong to hold that it was in the best interests of an illegitimate girl aged two that she should get to know her father as well as she knew her mother. "This was an unusual approach to a question of access, particularly with an illegitimate child, because it is not normally regarded as being in the child's interest to know the non-custodial parent as well as she knows the custodial parent," the judge said. He allowed an appeal by the girl's mother against the

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Deal bomb security questions blocked by coroner

By RAY CLANCY

THE coroner at the Deal bombing inquest yesterday refused to allow questions from counsel acting for the family of one of the 11 bandits who died about the role of a private security firm at the barracks.

Richard Allfrey, counsel for the family of Richard Fife, wanted to ask about the responsibilities of Reliance Security, a private firm that supplied security guards at the barracks and helped with patrols and checking passes at the main entrance.

The jury had already heard from Mr A, a Ministry of Defence anti-terrorist expert who was not named, that there was heightened security at the barracks when the bomb exploded in September 1989.

He said that a state of high security began throughout the armed services in January 1988 and although there were various peaks during the alert, the day of the bombing was not one of them. He said the alert meant that various counter measures would have been implemented at the Royal Marines school of music but did not go into the details involved.

Mr Allfrey asked Mr A whether the counter measures involved additional acts on behalf of the private contractors, but the question was immediately challenged by Ian Burnett, counsel for the defence ministry, who said that certain security details should not be made public because they could give assistance to terrorists and help them to breach security at other military establishments.

Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner, said he did not want to go into details that might jeopardise the safety of those who survived the bombing and those who were still stationed at the barracks.

Mr Allfrey responded: "There is considerable public interest in the fact that certain elements of security on these premises were privatised." Mr Sturt replied: "This is a fact-finding, not a fault-finding inquiry. I certainly can't get involved in questions of civilian security firms and their responsibilities." Mr Sturt then asked Mr Allfrey not to repeat his question to Mr A.

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By DAVID YOUNG

PARENTS are being urged to begin the new year with the resolution: "I will not smack my child this week."

The first national no-smacking week will run from December 31 to January 6. Esther Rantzen, the television personality, said at the launch yesterday that she still remembers the time she was smacked as a child. "I did at that moment experience a loss of respect. I have a close relationship with my parents so it would not be right to say that damaged our relationship."

She said, however, that children who were regularly smacked could turn into school bullies and eventually start hitting their own children. "The main thing about hitting a child is a loss of dignity but we also know that child abuse often starts with a single smack," Miss Rantzen said.

The campaign has been launched by the End Physical Punishment of Children (Epoch) group, and national and local children's organisations, health authorities and social services departments have helped to distribute posters and leaflets. They tell parents that "smacking is a national habit so it may be your habit, too. But everyone knows hitting people is wrong — and children are people, too."

Epoch hopes through education and legal reform to end all physical punishment of children. Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Austria have banned smacking and Epoch wants similar laws in Britain.

Lord Gowrie, (above), Sotheby's chairman, said yesterday that the closures were not so much a reflection of poor market conditions but part of a strategy for growth and development. He announced a plan to build a £15 million centre outside London catering for lower-priced collectables as well as storage.

Elsewhere, the company's pol-

icy will be to take items to where

they will fetch the best prices.

• Constable landscape, *The*

Entrance to Fen Lane, failed to

attract any bids at Phillips yes-

terday. One theory for the flop was

that it was not fresh on the mar-

ket, having been on offer at Agnews

earlier this year. Meanwhile, Agnews

put on display Turner's *The*

Guidecca from the Canal di Fusca for £13 million.

Haemophiliacs and HIV

Partial victory for campaigners

The government's announcement of an extra £42 million compensation for haemophiliacs is a partial victory for the victims and their families who have endured a bitter five-year campaign for justice. Jill Sherman reports

would become self-sufficient within two to three years.

The national health service did not start treating blood products, including those imported from America, until 1985. By then 1200 haemophiliacs are thought to have been infected after being treated with Factor 8, the blood plasma product.

The Haemophiliac Society immediately launched a compensation claim alleging that ministers had failed

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Sanctions may not be enough, Hurd tells House

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

DOUGLAS Hurd cast doubt yesterday on whether sanctions would be enough to force President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to withdraw his troops from Kuwait and told MPs: "This country faces the risk of war".

But Edward Heath, the former prime minister, said that there had to be talks. He rejected claims that talks meant appeasement. Any lasting settlement had to be brought about by the Arabs and could not be imposed by the West.

Denis Healey, the former



High cost of Tory meetings

The cost of policing the Conservative party conference in Bournemouth in October was £2 million, according to figures given in a Commons written reply by Peter Lloyd, a Home Office junior minister. The cost of policing Labour's Blackpool conference was £97,545.

Figures issued by Mr Lloyd reveal a steady rise in the burden on the police budgets. Conservative conferences have cost: 1987, £28,000 (Blackpool); 1988, £1,400,000 (Brighton); 1989, £1,080,000 (Blackpool). The extra costs of policing the Labour conferences have been much more modest.

SECRET CENSUS

The government bill to give wider protection to those providing information in the next census, on April 21 next year, completed its Lords stages. The Census (Confidentiality) bill will make it an offence to disclose information about identifiable people or households without lawful authority.

Car phones

Christopher Chope, the roads and traffic minister, is to have talks with chief police officers next week on the dangers of drivers using hand-held car phones while on the move.

More jobless

Tomorrow's unemployment figures are likely to show a further rise. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said at questions, Unemployment was likely to continue to rise over the next few months.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debate on an Opposition motion on the economic recession. Lords (2.30): Debate on custodial and non-custodial sentences.

MIDDLE EAST

Labour minister, said that sanctions should be given at least another 12 months to work.

The foreign secretary, opening a Commons debate on the Gulf, said that, although there had been rationing of basic foodstuffs in Iraq since September, the people were used to hardship.

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ican of British desire to impose some permanent presence in the Gulf. "We are there", he said, "because friendly states out of their alarm, out of their anxiety, asked us to return."

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Business pressure for one currency

By ROBERT MORGAN

A SINGLE European currency will come about because of the pressure for it from businessmen and tourists, Edward Heath, the former prime minister, predicted yesterday. The politicians would be forced to follow, he said.

Speaking in London to the British arm of the American Chamber of Commerce, he dismissed the concept of the hard ecu, saying that it would have no stable basis. As the national boundaries came down in 1992, business

and tourists would ask why they had to stop at frontiers to change their money.

As to whether the Queen's head should appear on the notes and coins, Mr Heath said that there were seven royal heads in the EC so perhaps a picture of each could appear.

He predicted the growth of a formidable economic power in the Far East, with Japan and China working closer together. They had between them the four essentials: in China a huge skilled labour force and the raw materials, in Japan the technology and the sales drive.

Europe would have to compete against that force and that was why 1992 and the creation of the single market was so important.

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(chairman), House of Lords: Lord Cleddwyn of Penrhos

(leader), Lord Graham of Edmonton (chief whip); Lord Dean of

Beaumaris.

* Denotes member of the Shadow Cabinet.



Labour attacks electricity sale 'success'

By JOHN WINDER

POWER

THE privatisation of the electricity industry was hailed as a great success by the prime minister yesterday, but condemned by Neil Kinnock as a scandal and a great swindle.

John Major rejected Mr Kinnock's charge during a question time clash in the Commons and challenged the Labour leader to say if his party would renationalise the industry.

Mr Kinnock opened the exchange by saying that the taxpayer stood to lose £3 billion or more because of the under-pricing of electricity shares.

Labour MPs shouted angrily as Mr Major retorted that Mr Kinnock had said something like that with each successive privatisation. "And each has been a success", he added. "Is he proposing to renationalise?"

Labour MPs shouted angrily as Mr Major retorted that the price reflected the aim of getting value for the taxpayer. He reminded Mr Kinnock that he had predicted that the government would not succeed in privatising electricity.

Earlier, Nicholas Brown, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne East, had invited Mr Major to sell him one of his houses at 60 per cent of market value. If he was not willing to do that with his personal possessions, why should he do it with the nation's property?

Mr Major replied that he had only one house and he proposed to stay in it, and keep it.

Labour's Peter Archer (Warley W) said the self-off happened at a time when 3,500 hospital beds were out of commission "because of under-funding in the health service".

He said that local government councillors would face being discharged if they had made a similar "pig's ear" of their affairs.

Mr Major retorted: "I believe an offer over-subscribed 10 times is a success, not a pig's ear."

MICHAEL POWELL

and the ANC, but also taking into account what other genuine opponents of apartheid would be telling us".

Chief Anyaoku said that he would not insist that majority rule had to be in place, "but I would go as far as to say that the process towards majority rule was so far that no one could say the next day 'no, we will go back to where we were before'."

He said that an end to the group areas and land acts, expected to take place in the new South African parliamentary session, would be an

important development towards the point of irreversibility.

Those who are inside South Africa, the Mandelas and the others concerned, are undoubtedly in the best position to say at which point they can confidently say that apartheid is on the way out.

For those of us on the outside, irreversibility must be seen as the point at which one cannot easily see the reintroduction of apartheid. So long as the constitutional framework is there to permit the reintroduction of apartheid law, the point of irreversibility has not been reached.

SHEILA GUNN

POLITICAL REPORTER

BENEFITS

MISTAKES in predicting the take-up and distribution of social security benefits have led to £1,492 million overspending and £1,309 million underspending in recent years, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

With the social security budget running at £52.8 billion a year, the public spending watchdog found that even small changes in the predicted figures resulted in huge swings. It reported: "In the seven years since 1982-3, expenditure has ranged from £1,492 million above forecast in 1986-7 to £1,309 million below forecast in 1988-9."

The amount needed for unemployment benefit and income support was particularly difficult to predict accurately.

The audit office found serious weaknesses in the social security department's system for collecting local information, essential for forecasters, on income support, invalidity and housing benefit claimants.

National Audit Office: Social Security Forecasting (Stationery Office, £5.10).

JOHN WINDER

In a speech in the Commons last week, Mr Whitely said MPs should not shy away from what some people regarded as the threat of a single currency.

"The advantages of a single currency must be obvious", he said. "Moving towards a single currency will be hugely difficult, but the difficulties will not be so much for this country as between whatever colossus Germany develops into and Greece at the other extreme — we are somewhere in between. I believe that we can live with that."

Algeria in last-minute initiative for peace

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

AFTER careful behind-the-scenes preparation, President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria has begun an eleventh-hour Arab attempt to negotiate a solution to the Gulf confrontation and avoid war. He arrived here yesterday at the start of a peace mission attempting to secure direct Saudi-Iraqi talks.

"Conditions today are more favourable than before," an Algerian diplomat said. "We must try to convince the others that there is no solution but peace." As well as Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, the president would visit Iran and possibly Oman and Syria over at least five days, he added.

Algeria has for some time enjoyed a reputation as a discreet and often successful mediator. It was instrumental in arranging the release of the American hostages in Iran and several of the Lebanon hostages and in setting up the present Lebanese peace plan.

The Algerians have declared their willingness to help find a peaceful solution based on an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

Israelis split on military action

From RICHARD OWEN
IN JERUSALEM

WITH Israeli experts giving warnings that the threat posed to Israel by Iraqi missiles had increased significantly, officials yesterday said Israel may have to fight a unilateral war with Iraq in 1991 if the United States and its allies reach a compromise with President Saddam Hussein rather than removing him. But as President Bush held talks with Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli leadership appeared divided over whether Israel was prepared to launch a pre-emptive strike against Baghdad.

David Levy, the foreign minister, maintained his reputation as a hawk by warning the United States that Israel would no longer feel bound to keep a low profile if the Americans failed to destroy Iraq's huge military arsenal.

But Moshe Arens, the defence minister, said Israel would not take aggressive action "its own initiative". He said: "If it turned out that the Iraqis attacked Israel, then, of course, we would respond and defend ourselves. But I don't see a first strike as a real possibility."

The question of whether Israel is likely to find itself facing a heavily armed Iraq on its own is dominating political discussion in Israel, vying with the violence of the Palestinian intifada for the attention of the Israeli media. Many Israelis are beginning to brace themselves for the possibility of a 1991 Israeli-Iraqi war, a successor to the conflicts of 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973 and 1982, rather than a broader conflict between Iraq and the American-led multinational force in the Gulf.

Speculation about an Israeli attack has occasionally become fevered. Last week a rumour swept the country that Israel had to be dissuaded from attacking key Iraqi missile sites. Three weeks ago, addressing Euro MPs in Strasbourg, Mr Levy remarked that Israel had "taken an enormous risk by not attacking Iraq early in the Gulf crisis."

More freed Britons on way home

By ANDREW MCEWEN

A FURTHER 300 Britons were on their way home last night, leaving only 100 in Kuwait and about 200 in Iraq. Two aircraft, chartered by the foreign office, picked up about 240 of the estimated 350 Britons remaining in Kuwait and flew them to Baghdad. Later they flew on to Gatwick.

A further 250 Britons remain in Iraq still seeking exit visas. Two other planes left for Frankfurt and Bangkok, the first with 15 Americans on board and the second with 155 Japanese, three Australians and one Thai. The flights brought the total number of foreigners who have left in the past three days to about 1,637, with a further 1,000 still waiting to go.



State of the union: Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, rebuking Mr Gorbachev's proposals for a union treaty in the Russian parliament

Last call for Europeans to increase forces in the Gulf

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

WITH only five weeks left for Iraqi forces to leave Kuwait in accordance with the January 15 United Nations deadline, European countries who have only offered small contributions to the allied military effort in the Gulf are to be given a last chance to increase their support.

European officials have expressed anger and bewilderment at the level of assistance provided by many of the Nato allies. Only Britain and France have supplied ground troops. Last week Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, said he would welcome more ground troops. But no one in Washington is expecting alliance members to react, other than France which has already announced that reinforce-

ments are to be sent. The sudden rise in peace hopes had a dampening effect on alliance members.

Tom King, defence secretary, has been trying to persuade Nato countries who have not sent ground troops to provide ammunition. Britain has sent large stocks of ammunition for the 24 British M109 artillery, but if war were to break out even larger stocks will be required. One source said some countries had considered supplying shells for the M109 guns had informed London the matter had been "put on ice".

A senior official at the Foreign Office, however, said that talks were still under way to encourage alliance members to supply ammunition.

There was also pressure for more medical facilities.

One source said that Belgium had talked about sending a field hospital but there was still no decision from the Belgian government.

A senior British source said that several alliance countries faced constitutional difficulties in supplying military help outside the Nato area.

Others felt they were unable to send national servicemen to the Gulf.

The source commented:

"Given all these domestic problems, the response from Nato members has been respectable. But compared to the American effort, their contributions have been very small, with the exception of Britain and France."



Together again: Derek Lockwood, a British hostage freed by Iraq, being welcomed at Gatwick on Monday night by his wife, Brenda, and son Stuart, the embarrassed boy in President Saddam's propaganda film on the hostages earlier this year

Briton closes a chapter on Third Reich history

From ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

A CHAPTER of Third Reich history will close when a British barrister, Harold Romberg, locks up his office in the Supreme Restoration Court in Berlin and packs away his dusty textbooks at the end of the week.

The court is to be handed over to the German authorities after 38 years; its work at an end now that the allies' role is completed in overseeing the restoration by Germany to the victims of nazism and their families of possessions seized in the repression of Jews, socialists and other enemies of the Third Reich.

The remaining cases, a few of which are still on the books due to difficulties in tracing descendants, will be assumed by the German legal system.

The court, set up by the Western allies in 1953, has handled more than 7,000 restitution cases arising from nazi persecution. They range from the symbolic restitution to children of the personal belongings of their parents that were expropriated on the way to the gas chambers to the man who wanted his motorway back.

In such legal cases the defendant remains the German Reich, repre-

senting the successor to the Third Reich. Hearings were held in the presence of three German judges, together with a British, French and an American one, and the court was presided over by a Swedish president.

Mr Romberg, now in his seventies, set up the court as a young barrister and was its first registrar. He has commuted from his home in Bath several times a year since his retirement to sit on cases in Berlin as the Federal judge.

The court, whose business was conducted in English, French and German, is in Berlin's elegant Rauchstrasse, housed in a 19th-century villa with its own winter gardens. The villa's owners, the Mendelsohn-Bartholdy family of Jewish bankers and distant relatives of the composer, were forced to sell the property to the Third Reich, which installed Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi ideologist, there. Hitler then decided that the area should be transformed into diplomatic quarters and the building was used to house the Yugoslav embassy.

When the court opened in 1953, one of its first tasks was to decide which of the former owners had the

rights to compensation. Both the Yugoslavs and the Mendelsohns were compensated.

"The worst thing about dealing with the legacy of the Third Reich is that many of its injustices were conducted to look as if they were legal," Mr Romberg says. He produces copies of the contracts issued to wealthy Jews, who were promised a comfortable life in the concentration camp of Theresienstadt in return for sacrificing their homes in Germany.

"In the cases of poorer people and gypsies, there were no documents recording the confiscation of the property or goods. Legally the situation was extremely difficult because our sympathies were nearly always with the plaintiff, but proof of persecution was lacking. It was quite often a matter of luck who received restitution and who did not."

The heirs of Jacob Oppenheimer were fortunate. They received damages for the loss of a valuable desk owned by their father which had belonged to Frederick the Great. It was returned by the Nazis to Sans Souci palace, which was inaccessible by the time the case came to court in 1953, hence on East German territory.

The private motorway built in the 1920s and belonging to Edmund Stünnes, a Berlin entrepreneur, was expropriated by the Nazis who wanted to claim credit for the idea. But Herr Stünnes was never compensated because he was unable to prove that the transfer of the motorway was the result of persecution for his opposition to the regime.

The federal republic has paid out DM 2.5 billion (£900 million) in compensation across Germany since its foundation.

With the collapse of the East German state, however, several cases will have to be reviewed. The German Democratic Republic always refused restitution to the victims of nazism on the ground that it was a communist state with no responsibility for the crimes of the German past.

• BERLIN — The last of former East Germany's trouble-ridden nuclear power plants, at Greifswald, will close this weekend on completion of a substitute oil-powered station.

A government report said that the plant, built in 1973 on a Soviet design, risked a serious accident because of unsafe piping and an inadequate cooling system. (Reuters)

Tyminski will defy order not to leave Poland

From ROGER BOVES IN WARSAW

THE final stage instructions of Poland's presidential election drama have a Shakespearean dispatch: exit Stanislaw Tyminski, pursued by bearish journalists.

The prosecutor-general says that Mr Tyminski, who was beaten resoundingly by Lech Wałęsa on Sunday, cannot leave Poland until he has been interrogated. Mr Tyminski says he will leave. More: he intends to board the Polish Airlines plane for London (and on to Canada) soon after dawn today. Of course, he told journalists yesterday, he was not abandoning Poland and his political future was in the balance.

Mr Tyminski won 25 per cent of the presidential vote on Sunday — some 3.6 million voters — which, despite the size of Mr Wałęsa's majority, represents a big constituency for a man unknown in Poland two months ago.

He said yesterday he was still undecided whether to start a party or some looser form of organisation. But politically, he said yesterday, "I have made the irrevocable decision to stay in Poland forever". He did, however, want to go home to Toronto for three days and therein lies the problem.

By accusing Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the prime minister, of high treason during an election meeting he laid himself open to serious criminal charges. Defamation of a person in high office can lead to six months and eight years in jail.

The prosecutor-general has advised that Mr Tyminski should not be allowed to cross the frontier until he has presented the evidence for his claim. But Mr Tyminski said yesterday he had only just received the summons, dated February 7. "It was sent to me by ordinary post — you know that I get thousands of letters from ordinary Poles — and luckily, Mrs Maria, our housekeeper, spotted the envelope."

Mr Tyminski emphasised that he stood by his accusations of treason against Mr Mazowiecki for "neglecting the economic interests of the nation". He added: "I do not regret what I said and I am prepared to take all the consequences, including prison if

necessary." Important evidence, the Polish Canadian emigre said, was contained on film shot at the controversial rally by his camera team. That film had already been sent to Canada. That was one reason he needed to leave Poland — to supervise its editing.

But Solidarity advisers now clearly judge this to be a mistake: Mr Tyminski can keep his political cause alive by portraying himself as a kind of political prisoner.

His long-term future in Poland seems to depend on an unusual degree on his Peruvian wife, Graciela. She was absent from Mr Tyminski's final news conference yesterday, but she was plainly not very happy in Poland.

Would she stay in Poland to make a political career along side her husband? "I asked her this morning," confessed Mr Tyminski, "and she hasn't given me an answer yet." Both of them wanted to see their children — "we haven't been with them for two-and-a-half months" — and that was the strongest reason for wanting to leave Poland now rather than after court hearings.

Return home to cost Soviet army dear

By ROGER BOVES

THE Soviet army's retreat to Moscow will entail a huge and costly movement over Polish territory, negotiators said yesterday after a round of Polish-Soviet talks on the question.

Every single day for the next four years, starting from the new year, eight trains of Soviet troops and 400 lorries full of munitions and supplies will cross from Germany into the Soviet Union. The full extent of the dislocation is only now becoming clear.

The 365,000 troops in former East Germany were the best equipped in the Warsaw Pact. Pulling out — partly by sea and air but mainly by slow night trains — will be hard and painful work. Polish diplomats say they are aiming for a payment of \$3 billion (£1.5 billion) for the increased costs of services, railway clearance, police road escorts, and wear and tear on the Polish infrastructure.

Lech Wałęsa has said that he wanted the 50,000 or so Soviet troops out of Poland by the end of next year. Their exodus will also add to the trans-European road and rail confusion.

The Soviet leadership is eager to withdraw its troops from Germany, but the mammoth planning needed means that there can be no speedy exit.

The Germans and the Poles are pressing for a much faster retreat than the four-year timetable originally proposed by the Soviet Union. But to shorten the timetable to say 16 months would immediately clog the transport routes of Central Europe.

Thirty instead of eight trains a day would be required to move the troops out of Germany. And as far as the Soviet soldiers are concerned there is the pressing problem of accommodation, once they have returned to the Soviet Union. Nothing is more likely to cause discontent in the Soviet army than the prospect of a year or two under canvas or in rickety wooden huts after the relatively soft billets of East Europe.

SPD picks 'political snail' as new head

From IAN MURRAY

AFTER its worst election defeat since 1957, the German Social Democratic Party has chosen a new leader determined to carry out a root and branch modernisation programme of the party's arthritic organisational structure.

Björn Engholm, the prime minister of Schleswig-Holstein, was modestly reluctant to accept the job when first offered it, insisting that he would allow his name to go forward only if no one else was prepared to stand.

The party praesidium was shaken by the refusal to serve of Oskar Lafontaine, its routed candidate in the all-German elections, and Hans-Jochen Vogel, its leader since 1987. Herr Engholm's conditional offer proved irresistible and he was chosen unanimously as the best man to pick up the pieces. He will certainly be endorsed by the management committee on Monday.

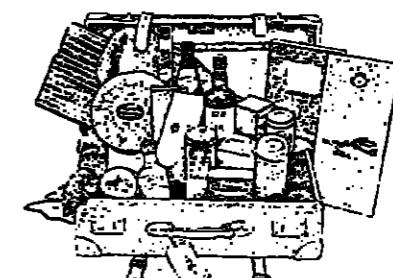
Herr Engholm, who has said that a snail is the most appropriate symbol of his type of politics, it may be slow, but it still moves, has already asked for an overhaul of the party's organisation. The SPD, founded in 1875, likes to boast that it is the oldest left-wing political party still functioning in the world. Its basic structure, however, has changed little since its founding conference in Götha.

The SPD's inherent organisational weakness showed up in the election, particularly in eastern Germany, where the local party structure had been demolished by the communists. The result was that the Christian Democrats in the east won 20 per cent more of the vote than the SPD.

Another of the party's problems derives from the fact that its chairman does not necessarily have to stand as chancellor in elections. This can lead to the candidate and party leader publicly taking different points of view, confusing the electorate about both its policy and style.

Herr Engholm is not prepared to say now whether he will stand as candidate for chancellor in four years' time and his decision is likely to rest on the success and popularity of the changes he intends to implement and whether Herr Lafontaine will be ready to try again.

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Army sent in to suppress violence in township

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South African government ordered army and police reinforcements into the Tokozza black township on Tuesday after street fighting killed about 35 people and wounded 50 in less than 10 hours. Adrian Vlok, the law and order minister, said the reinforcements had been brought in to halt "a rapidly deteriorating security situation".

Officials of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party met for emergency peace talks in a civic centre in Tokozza township, where smouldering shacks and bodies strewn in deserted streets bore mute testimony to the violence. The conflict is essentially a power struggle between the two organisations, with ominous tribal undertones.

It is believed that only a meeting between Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, and Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, can help to restore peace. However, Mr Mandela has rejected face-to-face talks with his rival, and Chief Buthelezi has refused to attend wider forums at which the ANC leader was present.

The mounting death toll is becoming a serious obstacle to negotiations on a new constitution, which the government still hopes to begin early

next year. Mr Vlok repeated an appeal yesterday to the warring parties to co-operate with the police and settle their differences.

The chronic violence between migrant Zulu workers loyal to Chief Buthelezi's Natal-based party and Xhosa-speaking township dwellers who broadly support the ANC was discussed by Mr Mandela and President de Klerk at the weekend. They said they had identified specific measures to be taken.

The issue is also high on the agenda of a three-day ANC consultative conference which begins on Friday, but delegates are unlikely to go beyond repetitive condemnation of the government. The latest issue of *Mayibuye*, the ANC journal, puts the blame on "counter-revolutionary gangs" manipulated by Pretoria. "The forces responsible for the violence are to be found within the apartheid state machinery," it says.

The journal reiterates demands for the creation of "self-defence units" in the townships, the destruction of Zulu workers' hostels, and a code of conduct to be imposed on the security forces.

Chief Buthelezi is insistent that his supporters are not responsible. "Inkatha Freedom Party does not deal in violence," he said yesterday.

Nasa facing 'dawn of a second golden age'

From MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

AS THE space shuttle Columbia limped back to Earth after yet another troubled flight this week, a report was published in Washington which experts believe may finally end the long decline in the performance and prestige of the once-pride Nasa.

Commissioned by the White House and prepared by a team of top independent experts, the report on the future of America's space programme proposed fundamental changes in Nasa's style of operations, broadly arguing for an end to flashy prestige projects, which time and again have failed, and for a new emphasis on scientific research.

The most remarkable aspect of the report is the enthusiasm with which it has been received in almost every quarter, prompting Bruce Murray, a former Nasa official and planetary scientist, to suggest that "this could be the dawn of a second golden age" for Nasa.

"We're unlikely to get a better set of recommendations out of any other set of people," said John Logsdon, head of the Space Policy Institute of George Washington University. Al Gore, chairman of the Senate science, technology and space sub-committee, called it "a reasoned view of the space programme and the changes that are needed in order to restore confidence and support in Nasa". Dan Quayle, the vice-president, who chairs the Space Council, endorsed its conclusions and even Richard Truly, the Nasa administrator, expressed qualified support.

Nasa was established in 1958 and rapidly became the embodiment of American ingenuity and technological inventiveness, "the voice of mission control the true Voice of America", as Time magazine put it. Inspired by President Kennedy, backed by almost unlimited funds, fired with intense creativity, Nasa swiftly overhauled the Soviet space programme.

It reached its apogee in 1969 when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon and took his "one small step for man". Within a year Richard Nixon had rejected ideas for permanent moon and space stations and declared:

Space must take its place with other national priorities.

Since then it has been downhill all the way, with the 1986 Challenger disaster marking the nadir of Nasa's

fortunes. Critics contend that the organisation has deliberately opted for hugely ambitious, highly complex projects like the space shuttle and the planned \$32 billion (£16.4 billion) space station Freedom, promoting their potential to fire popular imagination and win continued funding in Washington. If that is so, the policy has backfired badly.

The shuttle fleet, which Nasa once claimed would make 60 flights a year but has never made more than nine, was temporarily grounded because of successive faults. The \$1.5 billion Hubble space telescope, years in the making, was found to be half-blind soon after launch. Freedom, as presently designed, would require such intensive maintenance that it is not viable.

"At the present time, Nasa's eyes are bigger than its stomach," commented Senator Gore, reflecting a deep public and congressional disillusion with a series of highly ambitious projects which have cost more than expected, started later than planned, and failed to work as promised.

© PARIS: The Arianespace company is heading for a net profit of Fr130 million (£13.4 million) on sales of Fr3.9 billion in 1990, Charles Bigot, the company's president, said yesterday. The company had orders to launch 36 satellites worth Fr16.2 billion and representing work for four years, he told a conference to mark the firm's tenth anniversary. Since it was founded Arianespace had signed 89 launch contracts with 90 per cent of world satellite operators. (AFP)

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Space to manoeuvre: James Baker, US Secretary of State, and Eduard Shevardnadze, Soviet foreign minister, pass through a hatch of the space station at the Johnson Space Centre during a break in their talks at Houston

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Capitalist with key to the Kremlin dies at 92

From CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

ONE OF the coincidences of history occurred with the death on Monday of Armand Hammer, the American tycoon who had a lifelong and lucrative romance with the Soviet Union and its leaders. Only hours before Dr Hammer died at his Los Angeles home at the age of 92, James Baker, the Secretary of State, announced that Washington was ready to send food to help stave off the shadow of a possible Soviet famine.

That, in a way, was where Dr Hammer came in. In 1921, as a young medical graduate from New York, he won the gratitude of Lenin by shipping grain to the starving peasants of the Ukraine in return for sugar and other goods.

Dr Hammer's life as one of America's most brilliant deal-makers and the Kremlin's favourite capitalist, was to be celebrated last night at a gathering originally organised as his barmitzvah ceremony.

Gorbachev message of regret

From AP
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev has sent condolences to the family of Armand Hammer, the late industrialist, and lauded him for his prominent role in building Soviet-American relations.

"Mr Hammer was associated with one of the most remarkable pages of our relationship with America," said Mr Gorbachev's message on Monday, read by spokesman Vitali Ignatenko. He would be remembered for his tireless efforts to maintain good relations with the Kremlin, a Soviet foreign ministry spokesman said.

At one point Dr Hammer, whose Russian-born father was a founder member of the American Communist Party, was sole representative for 38 US companies in Russia.

After the Chernobyl nuclear accident, he flew in American specialists to help save radiation victims, and his biggest monuments in Moscow are the Mezhdunarodnaya Hotel and the Sovincentr exhibition complex, on the banks of the Moscow river.

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Corridors of power: the late Armand Hammer, the multi-millionaire who knew many world statesmen from Lenin onwards, with Lyndon Johnson, the American president, in the White House, left, Deng Xiaoping, still the senior Chinese communist leader, in Peking, top, and Leonid Brezhnev, then Soviet president, in the Kremlin

Hammer's love affair with art, charity and VIPs

By ANDREW LYCETT

PROSPECTIVE buyers at Sotheby's sale of British paintings in July were dismayed to find themselves frequently outbid by a sprightly man, with a hooded expression, sitting in a wheel chair at the front of the auction hall. The oil magnate Armand Hammer, aged 92, was paying one of his frequent visits to London.

On that occasion, he was in town to buy paintings for his new Museum of Art and Cultural Centre in Los Angeles, which opened last month. His known purchases included two portraits, one by John Zoffany costing £902,000 and another by Joseph Wright of Derby at £418,000. Dr Hammer wanted his museum to surpass that of fellow oil tycoon J. Paul Getty.

Since his company, Occidental Petroleum, struck oil off Scotland in 1974, he successfully courted the British establishment. He counted the Prince of Wales as a special confidant. He managed to stay close to both Mrs Thatcher and her predecessor, Edward Heath. And around him, marshalled by his aide-de-camp, the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, congregated an army of ad hoc British advisers, such as Mrs Thatcher's former public relations guru, Sir Gordon Reece, and Michael Jaffé, professor emeritus of the history of art at Cambridge.

Special affection was reserved for the staff of Claridge's, his home-from-home in Britain. "If you want to know about Hammer," said an associate, "ask the head waiter at Claridge's about his appetite for apple pie."

Only in his later years did he shake off the suspicion he was a communist agent. ◊

shake off the suspicion, arising from his Odessa-born, avowedly socialist father and his own lucrative business dealings with the young Soviet Union, that he was some kind of communist agent.

On his very first visit to Britain, en route to Moscow in 1921, he was detained at Southampton for two days. At the request of a young FBI officer named J. Edgar Hoover, a film and some letters he

was carrying for Ludwig Marxtens, the unofficial Soviet ambassador in Washington, were confiscated.

"Spycatcher" Peter Wright describes how James Angleton, the CIA's counter-intelligence chief, who wanted to expose Soviet infiltration of the West, asked him (unsuccessfully) to obtain MI5's file on the maverick oil man.

Dr Hammer did not let this unwanted attention distract from his long-term goal of winning friends and influencing people. During the second world war, he was an early advocate of American military assistance to Britain. He claimed responsibility for fifty lendlease destroyers crossing the Atlantic. However, he drove a hard bargain.

Already in love of British art and antiques had surfaced. In 1945 he purchased the oak-panelled Treaty Room in Uxbridge, where Royalists and Roundheads had fought to reach terms in the Civil War. This was transported to New York where it became Dr Hammer's office at United Distillers, his principal company at the time. He generously returned it to its original setting as a wedding present for the Queen and

Trust, the Royal Opera House, the Royal Academy, Wells and Salisbury Cathedrals, United World Colleges and the Transglobe Expedition.

When Hammer won £25,000 from *Private Eye* in a libel action, he donated the money to Business in the Community, another project close to the Prince. Back in 1983, Hammer was estimated to have donated £14 million to charities favoured by the

Friendship with the Prince of Wales led him to support his favourite charities

Prince Sir Ranulph Fiennes points to 77 British charities which have been supported by him.

Last year Sir Ranulph organised a gala weekend in Britain for the United World Colleges, a charity Prince Charles was introduced to by Lord Mountbatten. Two hundred Americans flew across the Atlantic in two chartered Concordes. They stayed at Claridge's or the Savoy and

travelled on the Orient Express down to Highgate, where they were entertained by the Prince and Princess of Wales. In all, \$1 million (£515,000) was raised.

Hammer was attentive to his royal patrons. "He genuinely finds top people interesting," said Sir Ranulph. When the Prince of Wales confessed he did not feel good enough to hold a show of his water colours, Hammer flew in an expert to provide some coaching.

After the Princess said she was a fan of American singer Neil Diamond, the doctor had him sing at her birthday concert, with the proceeds going to charity.

Towards the end of last year he went into hospital to have a heart pacemaker inserted. When this news emerged, the price of Occidental shares jumped 10 per cent, on stock market hopes that the company, loosed from his control, might become a takeover target. Hammer confounded the ghouls by returning to his office within four days.

After a lifetime of amassing fortunes and hobnobbing with the great and good, his museum was his final bid for immortality.

Major to resist majority voting idea

By ANDREW MCÉWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN is to resist a proposal made last Friday by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of France, that nearly all European Community decisions should be taken by majority vote. An official source said yesterday that the government "does not see a case" for extending majority voting beyond the present areas, which deal with the completion of the Single European Market in 1992.

The government is in no mood for a clash at the EC summit on Friday and Saturday, and appears to be seeking to move discussions into less controversial areas. But Herr Kohl and M. Mitterrand may press majority voting, aiming to ensure that it becomes an important issue in the inter-governmental conference on political union which the leaders are to launch on Saturday.

John Major, who flies to Rome tomorrow, does not yet know all the EC leaders and may feel at a disadvantage. He is likely to appear more conciliatory than his forerunner on political union, but not on monetary union. Although Britain lost the debate on EMU at the October summit in Rome, it remains determined not to take part in a common currency or European central bank. Mr Major is still committed to his plan for a hard euro as an alternative currency, but this is unlikely to be discussed in detail this week.

"The rhetoric will be different. Our policy on EMU there is absolutely no change. He's a different man", an official said.

The government has not dropped its criticisms of the way the October summit was run, feeling that too much time was spent on monetary union and not enough on world trade. Mr Major may point this out to Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, when he meets him for breakfast on Friday. But there was no repetition yesterday of sharp remarks about Italy's six-month presidency of the EC made by Mrs

possible to draw up some conclusions without pre-empting the discussion", an official said. This appeared to mean that Britain would not want the remarks to amount to a mandate for majority voting. It hopes the question will be left to the conference, which will be held largely in private.

The government hopes that the main subject in the conference will be steps towards an EC security policy. It was for this reason that a speech by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in Berlin on Monday, which had been expected to deal with EC matters, in fact concentrated on military issues. The British aims are to confine the EC to security rather than defence, leave

defence to the Western European Union and Nato, strengthen the WEU, and ensure that any European cooperation takes place within the alliance, not outside it.

Britain will also press for the principle of "subsidiarity" to be included in a new treaty, ensuring that the EC does not legislate on matters best left to national parliaments.

BRUSSELS: Protesters will take to the streets of Rome on Friday calling for a United States of Europe, the European Movement said yesterday. The movement is holding a convention for European democracy there to coincide with the EC summit. It will be addressed by Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president. (Reuters)



Mitterrand: may press for majority-vote decisions

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Ol' Blue Eyes swings back into favour

For all the mayhem of its mean streets, New York, New York, can still be a very sentimental town, at least when it comes to its favourite sons. There are fewer of them these days, especially since Leonard Bernstein and Irving Berlin



died. Tonight at the Meadowlands stadium, across the Hudson river, New York is pulling out all the stops to fete the 75th birthday of another local poor boy made good: Frank Sinatra, a man written off by the sixties generation as a fogey from their parents' time who is now

having something of a last laugh. While rock music totters into senility and musical archeologists subject the works of Presley and Hendrix to historical analysis, Ol' Blue Eyes is enjoying a surge of popularity among a new generation.

Around New York and the big cities, crooners in their twenties, dominated by Harry Connick, aged 23, are drawing fans away from pop with swinging, Sinatra-style ballads known collectively as "retro-romance". Many old rockers have, it seems, finally understood Sinatra: "When he sings, he gives voice to the human condition and is able to tap into it like nobody else," said Iggy Pop, the punk pioneer.

When it comes to coining expressions for softening the hard edges of life, America has always shown particular ingenuity. Sometimes the new words happily cross the Atlantic, like senior citizen and used cars. Sometimes they are too unwieldy to make the trip. For example, inmates (prisoners) of British correctional facilities (jails) may complain about their comfort stations (lavatories) but they use other words. Nor are British teachers likely to refer to their "kindergarten students" as

Americans do. The supposed sensitivities of America's minorities have recently spawned a whole string of circumlocutions, including "pre-women", for girls, and "differently abled" for the handicapped.

But the biggest new field for linguistic invention has been provided by the current economic "correction". Employers, faced with "downsizing" their workforce, are concocting dozens of new ways of softening the blow. If your boss tells you he is about to exercise some "skill-mix adjustment" or "workforce imbalance correction", or just plain "deruitment", it is time to get out the *curriculum vitae* and perhaps head for the "loan centre" (pawn shop). The prize for sweetening the pill probably goes to the Clifford Company, a Vermont electrical distributor. Sacking employees the other day it told them it was providing them with a "career-change opportunity".

With about one lawyer for every 300 Americans, it is not surprising that they are seldom out of the news. The runaway crash of two airliners in Detroit last week did little to improve the tarnished reputation of the profession. Before the flames had even

been put out, Detroit's hotel rooms were being booked full by liability lawyers rushing to sign up victims or their families with the prospect of multi-million dollar damages.

Such is the standing of the profession in Washington, where there is one practising lawyer for every ten citizens, that a local pottery firm is selling a \$56 (£28) plate hand-painted with a line from Henry VI, Part II: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." The New York Bar believes, however, that the public is entitled to hear even more about their legal defenders. Last week it decided to allow members to issue so-called "I love my lawyer" commercials, putting real clients on television and radio for the first time since advertising was allowed in the profession in 1977.

In the few states that have already tried the practice, bereaved widows and accident victims talk glowingly of the awards won for them by their counsel rather than customers compare breakfast cereals. Some New York lawyers think the last thing needed here are commercials featuring accident victims loafing in the swimming pool praising the legal firm that won them the millions to pay for it.

Serbian opposition vows to fight on

From RICHARD BASSETT AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERBIA'S opposition parties have said they will fight on in the second round of elections despite a landslide victory by Slobodan Milosevic's Serbian Socialist Party, the former communists.

Results indicated yesterday that Mr Milosevic received more than 63 per cent of the vote for the presidency. His nearest rival, Vuk Draskovic, received a humiliating 17 per cent.

The voting for the 250-seat parliament echoed Mr Milosevic's landslide, with the Socialists decisively winning at least 103 seats by yesterday afternoon. Mr Draskovic said Serbs, faced with the choice

between lightness and darkness, progress and bolshism, had chosen the status quo. He said: "I do not consider myself a part of such a Serbian nation."

Other opposition leaders explained their crushing defeat by referring to the unprecedented campaign of intimidation which preceded the voting and the Milosevic-controlled media's virulent campaign against them.

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Divorce for Ivana Trump

New York — Donald and Ivana Trump were divorced yesterday. A Manhattan judge, in granting the divorce to Mrs Trump, said the millionaire developer's "cruel and inhuman treatment" of his ex-wife "made it improper to continue to be married".

Mr Trump had a much publicised affair with would-be actress Marla Maples in the past year.

Mrs Trump left the courthouse in tears. Issues such as alimony will be decided at trial, unless they are otherwise resolved. (AP)

Exile in Senegal

Yaoundé — Hissène Habré, the ousted president of Chad, has left Cameroon to go into exile in Senegal, a government security officer said. Mr Habré and his aides were accompanied by a Chad aircraft carrying his baggage and two Mercedes-Benz cars, he added. Mr Habré fled here from Chad on December 1. (AP)

Spy suspect held

Vienna — An alleged Soviet agent was detained in Salzburg after receiving papers from an informer who escaped in the Christmas shopping bustle. Police said the arrested man had a Soviet diplomatic passport and claimed to be accredited at the embassy here. (AP)

Deputies guilty

Los Angeles — Six deputies were found guilty of conspiring to steal \$1.4 million (£700,000) from suspected drug dealers in one of the worst scandals in the history of the county sheriff's department. A seventh deputy was convicted of laundering money. (AP)

Overdosed pig

Villagarcía de Arosa, Spain — Drug dealers who buried their merchandise at a farm in this remote Galician region managed to evade the police but not the animals. A pig died of a hashish overdose. (Reuters)

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New class for the Nineties

Martin Jacques

One thing above all about John Major has lodged itself in the popular mind: his commitment to a classless society. Many assume that this simply represents a continuation of the Thatcherite project. This seems to me unlikely.

The Thatcherite revolution declared open war on some of the key institutions of class. It attacked the establishment, but above all it sought to undermine the labour movement. The aim was not to eradicate class as a condition of life, which would be impossible, but class as a historical agency and a factor in politics. In the event, the Thatcherite assault on the labour movement, notably the unions, was extraordinarily successful.

The palpable weakness and vulnerability of the labour movement was a product of the decline of the old manual working-class on which it was based. From the early Sixties, the numbers of blue-collar workers steadily shrank, and the collectivist culture associated with it was gradually eroded. Old class identities became less important, while a more mobile, diverse and individualistic culture gained ground. In that sense, the Thatcherite assault on class went with the grain of history; its success made possible by long-term trends.

But in an important sense, Thatcherism got it wrong. It conflated class and collectivity. The attack on class society was conducted in the name of a new set of principles. The agencies of the future were to be the consumer and the market. Mrs Thatcher argued that there was no such thing as society, only the individual and the nation. The country was to be remade in their image.

This conflation of class and collectivity was a serious error: indeed, neglect of collective interests was to be one of the key reasons for Mrs Thatcher's downfall. The most obvious expression of the importance of collective interests is the enduring support for the welfare state. According to the latest edition of *British Social Attitudes*, backing for the public provision of education and health actually rose during the course of the Eighties. The Thatchers believed that the welfare state would go the same way as council housing: it never happened, indeed if anything the reverse seems to have occurred.

Mr Major's espousal of high-quality public services suggests that his model of society will not be shaped by consumer and market alone. In that sense his idea of a classless society may be significantly different from Mrs Thatcher's. Good public services, notably education, would be a foundation-stone for the opportunity society.

Of course, neither Mrs Thatcher nor Mr Major really wants a

classless society. Inequality became more entrenched in the Thatcher years, with the top bracket doing ever better and the bottom doing relatively worse. For the new prime minister, classlessness does not mean that profound structural inequalities will cease to exist, but that society will become more open, with individuals enjoying greater opportunity to scale the social ladder. The appeal of such a message in an era increasingly sceptical about collective action as a means of individual advancement is obvious.

Which brings us to the left. Throughout Western Europe, social democrats have found it very hard to come to terms with the rise of a more individualised culture. In the past the labour movement rested on a belief in collective institutions and interests rooted in the manual working class. The appeal of this culture has been largely undermined by the shift to a more individual-based society, in which identities are more pluralistic and less work-oriented, and where individualism is central.

Labour is a case in point. The old producer approach still strikes some chords, but only among a declining section of the population.

The appeal to a collective interest can still carry considerable force, as Labour has demonstrated over the last year in its eloquent defence of the welfare state. But Labour still has not acquired a language which addresses people as individuals rather than as members of groups. It still has not made the cultural leap into a society comprised of individuals with diverse concerns, as well as a bewildering assortment of collective interests. Such a society cannot be addressed simply via the collective; the appeal to the individual becomes paramount.

For the most part, Labour politicians have failed to develop such a language. But it does exist. It is the language of citizenship, of individual rights and responsibilities. It recognises the individual as a social being and that society is composed of individuals.

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What are we really doing in space?

Nigel Hawkes, science editor, praises the orbiting Japanese newsman for breathing life into a galaxy of human robots

There was a neat symbolism about the landing yesterday of the first news editor in space, Toyohiro Akiyama of the Tokyo Broadcasting System. Without rising to Wildean heights of wit and repartee, Akiyama has added to the stock of harmless enjoyment with his down-to-earth remarks about space travel and his obvious relief to be back on Earth — even the frozen tundra of central Kazakhstan.

He came back craving beer, good food and a smoke. His first question to his wife, after announcing "I'm back", was to ask how the children had got on in their exams. Next he declared that he wanted something good to eat. To the earthbound, these sounded like sensible priorities.

Akiyama's landing came on the day an official report in the United States brought the American space agency Nasa down to earth with a critical bump. Although diplomatically phrased, the report concludes that in the space shuttle, Nasa has bought a lemon, and that in the space station, it is halfway to buying another. The agency, it says, needs an overhaul, with major changes in management, budget priorities and scientific direction.

The space shuttle's latest mission, which ended on Monday, a day early, is a perfect illustration

of the mess the American space programme is in. The problem is not that the Astro-1 observatory looked at only 140 of the 250 distant stars and galaxies it was supposed to study, or that the astronauts had to wrestle with technical problems on its telescopes. Such hitches are inevitable with a new piece of equipment, and not necessarily grounds for

flights, nor will there ever be. The reporting committee, chaired by Norman Augustine of the Martin Marietta corporation, says Nasa should build no more shuttles after the one now under construction, and should instead develop a fleet of large, unmanned rockets. This is back to the future with a vengeance, for the shuttle was expressly designed to replace traditional throwaway boosters.

The underlying question raised by the report is the old one about man's role in space. If the main thrust of Nasa's future programme is to be scientific, as the committee suggests, then unmanned spacecraft can generally fulfil the function more efficiently and at much lower cost. But unmanned probes do not satisfy the psychological need for space to be explored by living, sentient human beings. Nobody writes successful TV soap operas about robots boldly going where no robot has gone before.

The truth is that we still do not know what to make of space, how to define it in satisfactory terms. Is it an ocean over which mankind will voyage to other worlds? Is it a

frontier to be penetrated by covered wagons in the form of manned spacecraft, and colonised by space stations? Or is it, as Mr Akiyama seemed to suggest, an uncomfortable place (rather like Antarctica) which enthusiasts might want to visit principally for the pleasure of coming back?

Answers to these questions might have been essayed sooner if a different class of person had travelled into space. The pioneers of aviation included visionaries such as Antoine de St Exupéry, rugged individualists such as Charles Lindbergh, and brave and determined women such as Amy Johnson. So far, space has given us men with crew cuts and big smiles but, it would seem, little imagination or panache.

Nasa has been told to go back to basics, to design heavy-lift rockets that can be used for unmanned and later manned space flights, and to trim down its space-station aims to a much more modest project that can be justified by studies in the life sciences.

By recommending this, the panel has defined space as neither an ocean, nor a frontier, but simply as a platform on which useful science can be done. This may not be very inspiring — though it is what space scientists have long argued — but at least it is sustainable.

Saddam leading the West up a familiar blind alley

Conor Cruise O'Brien on the sorry precedent for talks aimed at a comprehensive Middle East settlement

Suppose Saddam Hussein does withdraw his troops from Kuwait by January 15, the Security Council's deadline. What then? American hawks such as Richard Perle and Jeane Kirkpatrick argue that he must do much more, principally to compensate Kuwait for the damage done and scale down his armaments. No doubt he will be asked to do such things, and he may agree, verbally. But once the Iraqis are out of Kuwait, the Americans and their allies will hardly go to war with him if, as seems probable, he fails to do either. The allied troops will want to come home; the politicians will want to bring them home, and once home, they are not likely to return to the Gulf.

That will leave Saddam as the hegemonic power in the Arab Middle East, and therefore the controller of Arab oil. The Emir of Kuwait will be restored, but his will be comparable to a Bourbon restoration that left Napoleon's Grand Army intact while the anti-Napoleonic coalition was disbanded.

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region opposing renewed Iraqi expansion. Israel does not want war with Iraq; for historical reasons, Israelis are more sensitive to casualties among their own people than any other nation, and there would be more casualties in a war against Iraq than in any of Israel's previous conflicts. But if Iraq presses on with the development of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons — as is likely in such a situation — Israel will have to fight Iraq simply to ensure its physical survival.

An Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait will be followed by withdrawal of the allied forces from the Gulf, therefore, probably be followed by war between Iraq and Israel. And it is in the interests of all the countries whose forces are assembled in the Gulf that Israel should

win such a war. Many in the West — especially in Western foreign offices — will find a distasteful conclusion. But, by the nature of the circumstances, it is a conclusion likely to be forced upon them. No doubt the Pentagon is already allowing for this in its contingency planning.

Saddam may still miscalculate and think he can get away with staying in Kuwait after the deadline. But withdrawal of his forces now seems more likely than not. He has safeguarded his prestige by holding out for more than four months under tremendous pressure from all the great powers.

Those months have made him more famous than almost any other Arab leader in history. He can afford a tactical withdrawal that leaves his armed forces and his power in the region intact.

It is true that since he miscalculated badly by invading in the first place, he may guess wrongly again. But his original mistake seems to have been the result of confusing signals, through American diplomatic blundering. The American position should be clear enough to him now.

Meanwhile, the future that the international community is publicly discussing, for the period following the end of the confrontation, centres on an international conference intended to seek a comprehensive solution to all the problems of the Middle East. Much of the media discussion of this proposed conference appears to assume that this is a new idea bright with hope. But such Middle East conferences are 17 years old, and their history is quite instructive about the inter-

play of mirage and *realpolitik* in the Middle East.

The Geneva peace conference that opened on December 21, 1973, was one of the genuinely clever ideas of Henry Kissinger, then American secretary of state. Its ostensible purposes were the same as those of the international conference now mooted, but like most of Kissinger's clever ideas, the real intentions were quite different: to help the re-election of Israel's Labour government after the Yom Kippur war, and to keep the Soviet Union out of the Middle East by means of a semblance of bringing it in.

The Geneva conference got as far as an opening session, and that was effectively it. There were no substantive discussions. The thing was really a photocall. The participants, or cast, were America, the Soviet Union, Egypt, Israel and Jordan. They met just that once, and then adjourned, though the conference, as a concept, remained in being.

For Kissinger, it all worked like a dream. In Israel, the Likud opposition loudly denounced the conference. But as the conference had not actually done anything, this made Likud sound as though it was in favour of war, not peace, whatever the terms. And because this was not the mood of the Israeli electorate, Labour won the 1973 election, held nine days after Kissinger's Geneva photocall.

As for the Soviet Union, it was so pleased to be invited to the photocall that it allowed Kissinger a free hand for his "step-by-step" diplomacy, which greatly strengthened American influence in the Middle East.

In 1977, President Carter tried to revive the Geneva conference, this time to put pressure on Israel, but he ran into resistance from surprising quarters, including Egypt, and eventually dropped the idea. I do not think the proposed conference for the period after the Gulf confrontation is likely to be more productive of general peace than the Geneva meeting.

The realities of the region are different from how they have to be staged, whether in conference or at photocalls.

"When I told Dr Hammer what had happened, he said he hoped my wife liked it," implying that Fennies would have to find the money. "Three days later I was with Dr Hammer in the early hours of the morning as he signed the last papers before returning to California. Finally he pointed at the painting. 'By the way,' he said, 'I'll have that for my collection,' he said, forcing back his laughter."

Chameleons man

John Major's announcement of compensation for haemophiliacs infected with the AIDS virus is not the first time he has stolen the Opposition's clothes in such fashion. During the blizzards of January 1987, as social security minister, he announced the government's U-turn on cold-weather payments for the old and infirm, this time to put pressure on Israel, but he ran into resistance from surprising quarters, including Egypt, and eventually dropped the idea. At this signal, temperatures shot up, and an unattributable Treasury source, peevish at the additional £15 million cost, accused the future Chancellor of "handing out warm-weather payments".

When Major became chief secretary to the Treasury he soon clawed the money back. Former colleagues at the DSS expected a sympathetic hearing, but found him more story-happy than to any other department.

As Nick Scott, Major's successor, pleaded for urgent extra cash, he was halted in mid-sentence. "It's no good," Major told him. The department had "grossly overspent" its budget for the previous year. Cuts were called for, not extra cash.

Aghast, Scott pointed out that Major, as social security minister, had been the man responsible for the overspend. That was last year, Major replied, and this year he held the purse strings.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

The news that the Colony Room Club is to close is very sad. It was the first club I ever joined, and easily the best. To a foreigner, the Colony Room must sound awfully smart, an ornate Georgian sanctuary replete with palm trees and rulebooks and fans powered by the rotating feet of street urchins, a place where retired colonels relieve chucks over hefty pink gin amid piles upon piles of the *Almanack de Gotha* and *Burke's Peerage*. Back in the mid-Seventies, when someone asked me if I wanted to come along to the Colony Room Club, I too was daunted by such impressions of grandeur. I was wearing no tie. Would they let me in?

It was about 3.45 in the afternoon on a bright summer's day. We walked along Dean Street in Soho, turned right through a dingy black door and ascended some dingier, blacker stairs. My companion, a member, pushed open the thin door, and we walked into a room little bigger than a billiard table. The curtains were pulled together, banishing all sunlight, perhaps so as to make the racing from Kempston Park on the television all the more vivid. There was smoke everywhere, and everyone wore the intent, calm expressions of the seriously drunk. As I entered, a pretty woman with long, fair hair dipped into her handbag and began to throw all the money it contained — coins, notes and a chequebook — on the floor in my direction. "I don't want it! It's no good! Go on — take it! TAKE IT!"

The Colony Room had been started in 1948 by a legendary figure called Muriel Belcher, who, at the time of my arrival, was ill in hospital, soon to die. A painting of her by Michael Andrews was hanging and still hangs, across the bar. She had also been painted by Francis Bacon and photographed by Angus McBean. Stories of her abounded, making her sound rather funny and rather more terrifying. In his evocative memoir, *Soho in the Fifties*, Daniel Farson offers a vivid picture of her manner of speech, her high-camp way of treating men as women. "Hitler" was dismissed as "Miss Hitler", writes Farson, "and she described

Handicapped at the polls

The doyen of Tory election campaigners, a former agent to both Mrs Thatcher and John Major, has been lured out of retirement to help defeat Glenda Jackson, Labour's star candidate in the marginal Hampstead and Highgate constituency at the general election. Within hours of Major becoming prime minister, Andrew Woods Thomson, who was his agent when Major was first elected for Huntingdon in 1979, agreed to quit his self-imposed exile in Scotland and return to the fray.

Woods Thomson, who was Mrs Thatcher's agent in Finchley in the 1983 and 1987 elections, has been agent to Oliver Letwin, the Tory candidate at Hampstead and a former member of Mrs Thatcher's think tank. His recall is a sign of how seriously the Tories view the prospect of losing the seat to Ms Jackson, for Woods Thomson, who is 57, is a formidable adversary. He is famous in Tory circles as one of the few to have had an argument with Mrs Thatcher and won. "In the years we worked together we had four. I won two and she won two, which is not a bad record. But she was not very impressed when I retired early. That's not her style."

When he stepped down after the 1987 election, Woods Thomson said he would return to politics only when John Major entered 10 Downing Street. "I was not expecting to come out of retirement for another ten years," he says.

He is confident that the Tories will hold Hampstead, but admits they are handicapped. "The government will have to do some-

thing about the poll tax," he says — an admission that will be seized upon by Jackson's supporters, for Letwin is well-known, during his years at the policy unit, as one of the architects of the tax. As Woods Thomson concedes, Letwin "still supports the principle that everyone should pay something".

Woods Thomson is keeping his own payments to a minimum. In Hampstead, the tax stands at £500 a head; when not in Scotland he lives in neighbouring Barnet, where it is only £338.

He is a conductor Sir Neville Marriner had a bizarre accident on the South Bank yesterday. While rehearsing the Academy of St Martin in the Fields he stabbed himself in the hand with his baton. Blood poured from the wound, and Marriner continued with one arm in a sling.

The accident happened just as the 14-year-old Canadian violinist Leila Josefowicz, who made her British debut last night, was preparing to play. "He must have been even more nervous than she was," says one who was there.

However, Marriner was luckier than the French composer Jean Baptiste Lully who, in 1687, became so impounded while beat-

ing time with a heavy stick that he banged himself on the foot. Although not badly hurt, he allowed the orchestra to send for a quack doctor, whose ministrations soon finished him off.

Old black eyes

Whatever Edward Heath may have achieved in his political career, to him who was second to giant pandas from China —



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HELP FOR MEDICAL VICTIMS

The government has buckled under moral pressure and approved an extra £42 million payment to haemophiliacs infected with the virus which causes Aids. The public response will be one of relief that the government is no longer hiding behind a legalism which looked increasingly shameful and mean. The Opposition and many Tory backbenchers had been pleading for more than the £34 million previously offered, and Mr Justice Ogall, the judge presiding over the preliminary hearings, had added his own weight to their claim.

Before the threat from Aids in donated blood became widely known, haemophiliacs had been treated with an imported blood product called Factor VIII, some of which happened to be contaminated. More than a thousand haemophiliacs were later found to be HIV positive, and about 10 per cent have since died of Aids-related diseases. Given the high risk of mortality for the rest, any compensation had to be agreed within their lifespan if it was to mean anything. Not the least of the pressure on the government has been that of time.

It is too soon to say that the matter is closed or even that this outcome is successful. Each individual claimant has yet to decide whether the offer is acceptable, as against going to law.

Inevitably, the offer raises once again the issue of no-fault compensation for medical accidents. Haemophiliac Aids victims were prepared to go to court to try to prove negligence by the health department, but their moral case for compensation was quite separate. As the public saw things, the duty to ensure blood transfusions were free of the HIV virus was absolute, and liability should have been presumed rather than needing to be proved. Indeed, many people might argue that the victims were entitled to compensation simply for their extreme bad luck.

Anybody else damaged by a medical accident, whether negligence was provable or not, now has a good claim to be treated the same as these haemophiliacs. Their case is

tragic, but so is that of thousands of other victims of medical "accidents". Many of them also face a journey into the no man's land of medical litigation, searching for some technical detail of their treatment which the law might regard as negligent so they could be compensated. As medicine becomes ever more complicated, negligence becomes an ever more indistinct concept, and the proof of it ever more an expensive and desperate lottery.

The prime minister, who announced the offer of £42 million in parliament yesterday, appears to have taken a personal hand in extracting it from the Treasury. John Major's involvement implies that the government is fully prepared to take the consequences. These were hammered home in the confidential (later leaked) memorandum by Mr Justice Ogall, in which he said the public would regard the denial of compensation for haemophiliac Aids victims as "unjust and inhuman", regardless of whether negligence could be proved. The "duty of innocent citizens who suffer injury under the aegis of the (NHS) treatment has a moral dimension," he declared. That is a charter for no-fault compensation in general.

Whatever the government might say about each case being treated on its merits, yesterday's announcement can only enhance public interest in no-fault medical compensation. The medical profession has started pressing for it too, given the surge in the cost of medical insurance and the disincentive for doctors to specialise in increasingly litigious areas of medical practice, such as obstetrics.

Having accepted the case for no-fault compensation for these 1,200 haemophiliacs, the government must now address the principle itself. Britain must avoid the chaos, the cost and the abuses of defensive medicine which now blight medical treatment in many countries abroad. This is not a matter for case by case concessions.

YUGOSLAVIA FALLING APART

Yugoslavia's obituary has been published many times. The potential for disaster contained in the results of Sunday's presidential and parliamentary polls in Serbia and Montenegro, the last of Yugoslavia's six republics to hold free elections, remains potential only. But the decision of both electorates to buck the trend in Eastern Europe and in Yugoslavia itself and return timidly-disguised communists to power is ominous. The electoral triumph of Serbia's dictatorial state president, Slobodan Milosevic, and his Serbian Socialist party threatens not only the country's hopes of carrying through the shift to a market economy, but also its chances of holding together at all.

Mr Milosevic, who became president three years ago on a wave of Serbian impatience with the federal system imposed by Josip Broz Tito, is a communist of the hardline school. Voters frightened by the certainty that economic reforms would increase unemployment stuck with the devil they knew, although Mr Milosevic had presided over a drastic fall in productivity and living standards coupled with a sharp increase in state debt. That is Serbia's misfortune. But his electoral appeal derives from his success in grafting communism onto Serbian nationalism, and that could be Yugoslavia's death sentence.

Mr Milosevic's espousal of a highly-centralised command economy is anathema to the new non-communist governments of the richer Croatian and Slovenian republics. They suspect the Serbian leader, with reason, of using communist orthodoxy as a weapon to secure the hegemony of Serbia, the country's largest republic, over its neighbours. He has stubbornly resisted their demands for a loose confederation of sovereign republics which would take account of Yugoslavia's notoriously diverse ethnic, religious and economic traditions.

Mr Milosevic's victory will encourage secessionist trends in Slovenia, which is to hold a plebiscite on independence on December

23, in Croatia and even in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Yugoslavia is an ethnic mosaic in which every republic contains minorities. Separatism would be no remedy for inter-ethnic quarrels. Moreover, none of these three republics would find the going easy as a sovereign state. But thanks to the Austro-Hungarian empire, all three have strong historical links with central Europe. They were already tempted by the idea of a loose confederation which would seek closer relations with the European Community. Now they would see such a move as one way of casting off the Serbian and Montenegrin Bolshevik rump and (less altruistically) of shedding their federal responsibility for the wellbeing of Yugoslavia's impoverished southern regions.

Yugoslavia is only the most acute case of a dangerous infection which will require all the skills of central and eastern Europe's inexperienced democratic leaders to control. The increasingly bitter quarrels between Czechs and Slovaks compelled Vaclav Havel this week to threaten to extend his presidential powers in order to save the country from disintegration. Some of the pressure from countries like Hungary for admission to the European Community stems from fears that without a broader club than the nation state to belong to, nationalism will generate uncontrollable border conflicts.

Last month the Central Intelligence Agency predicted that Yugoslavia would break up within 18 months. Unless Mr Milosevic undergoes a conversion and opens negotiations, the Serbian elections are likely to accelerate the timetable. The best hope for Yugoslavia could be a resounding pro-independence vote in Slovenia which might at last concentrate Balkan minds on the dangers of Balkanisation. The best hope for peace in central and eastern Europe is that economic reforms and the hope of attracting foreign investment will provide material incentives for hanging together as nations, and settling cross-border disputes without violence.

RIGHTS OF TRESPASS

The first prosecution of a farmer under the 1990 Rights of Way Act has revived the debate on public access to farmland. Both this case and the act itself deal primarily with the duty of farmers to keep public footpaths open, even when the fields over which they pass are ploughed over. But the principles involved are wider. Should the serious walker — one who observes the simple rules laid down by the countryside code — be allowed to range over the entire countryside, as some continental countries allow? Or is the onslaught of tourism so damaging to country life that the authorities should consider more, not fewer, restrictions on ancient rights of way?

Ever since the enclosures of the 18th century, the network of footpaths and tracks which once linked the communities of medieval Britain has been under pressure from landowners in the interests of agrarian rationalisation. That perspective changed as the invasion of rural Britain by urban holidaymakers began with the coming of the railways in the 19th century.

Between the wars, the encroachment of the farmers on rights of way began to be reversed, not least due to the efforts of the Ramblers' Association. A 1949 act reinforced by statute the common law principle of public access to the countryside. Enlightened farmers have always seen the benefit of letting taxpayers cultivate every square inch of land have often treated rights of way as no more than a nuisance. Modern prairies have obliterated many old paths.

In recent years the medieval, sometimes

despite erosion by intensive farming, walks have become part of the national heritage industry. To walk the Pennine Way or the Ridgeway or the coast of Norfolk is seen as a natural right, on a par with the right to vote.

Many farmers resent the presence of public rights of way on their land, especially since hedgerows, woodland and other features which originally dictated the routes now taken by paths have often disappeared. Of course there is a case for adapting primordial traditions to the needs of the late 20th century. But the farmer who ploughs over a time-honoured footpath or bridleway and then fails to restore the route within a fortnight, as the law requires, is inviting walkers to trample over his crops.

He is also infringing the rights of those who, under the common agricultural policy, are as likely to be paying him not to farm as paying him (through taxes and artificial prices) to produce a high yield.

Does the conflict between farmers and ramblers require further legislation, if it is not to burgeon into a war between town and country? That seems too melodramatic a view. There is only slight pressure for completely open access to farmland. That would create a special category of property — farmland — which did not carry normal proprietary rights. More persuasive is the case for multiplying the present public footpaths.

If the pressure of numbers continues to grow that will surely come. The law, passed only this year, must now show whether it can deter a few farmers whose attitude to the rambling public remains cavalier. Walking is to the British what eating is to the French or jogging to the Americans. John Bull may nowadays wear trainers, but he still likes his constitutional. He will not be put off by "no trespassing" signs which try to rob him of his legal rights of way.

Sidelights on the electricity sale

From Mr David Frost

Sir, Given the unexpected and unwelcome delay in repaying millions of wholly or partly unsuccessful applicants for shares in the electricity privatisation, should not all interest accruing after, say, the close of business this Friday be donated to charity? Starting on Saturday, this could yield approximately £2 million a day for deserving causes.

There is always a learned and often spirited debate about the appropriateness of retaining any interest at all in such circumstances, but by the end of this week surely even the stoutest defenders of this practice would agree that its somewhat fragile claim to legitimacy will have expired?

And it is Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID FROST (Chairman),
David Paradise Productions Ltd.,
115-123 Bayham Street, NW1.
December 11.

From Mr A. J. Walker

Sir, So, the electricity privatisation is deemed by the government to be a roaring success (leading article, December 11). I imagine that the advertising industry and the market-makers are nodding their heads in agreement.

It may have looked initially like a triumph of wider share ownership policies, but because of oversubscription the individuals who applied for modest numbers of shares and could have expected a profit may find themselves with barely marketable amounts.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW WALKER,
13 Bowness Road,
Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.

From Mr N. T. J. Rogers

Sir, Despite customer preference I appear to have obtained precisely 100 shares in my local electricity board. I shall sell.

I am sure that the interest on some £17.5 billion pledged by subscribers will give someone a good Christmas, as will the several million share dealings in 100 shares a time.

Yours in disillusionment,
TIMOTHY ROGERS,
6 Holyoake Avenue,
Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

From Mr R. T. C. Straker

Sir, Here in Northumbria we had a mere 3in of snow last Friday night and yet we were without electricity for nearly 48 hours.

One wonders whether the privatisation of the 12 regional electricity companies would have been such a success had the scheduled date for the sale been pitched after last weekend.

Yours powerless,

RUBEN STRAKER,
Stonecroft, Newbrough,
Hexham, Northumberland.

December 10.

Car emissions

From Mr Alan Ducker

Sir, The Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club has highlighted (December 7) the urgent need to find ways of ensuring that those vehicles which are the main exhaust polluters are regularly maintained and tuned.

He has called on the transport secretary to take the initiative. One way would be to sponsor the development of a small, cheap, robust exhaust gas analyser which could be permanently fitted under the bonnet, with a dashboard gauge or warning light.

Most drivers would be delighted to see their exhaust pipes were "clean" whenever they were driving, and the yearly MOT test could still give a more accurate check. Such a gauge would also be a strong selling feature in new cars.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN DUCKER,
3 Alnaby, Lansdown Road,
Bath, Avon.

Deselecting Tories

From Dr Ian Dunlop

Sir, I disagree with your article on the break-up of the Nature Conservancy Council (November 26), which portrayed a potentially disastrous state of affairs in advance of the foundation of the Countryside Council for Wales on April 1. While no reorganisation is ever smooth my new council had its first meeting last week in an atmosphere of constructive optimism. Our new chief executive, Ian Mercer, already has a house in Anglesey and will become full-time at the beginning of January.

We have some excellent staff and will have enough appointed by April 1 to carry out our present workload.

Nobody under-estimates the difficulties to safeguard the environment in Wales. A generation of piecemeal destruction has to be reversed but perhaps at last the public is beginning to wake up to the problems. Public support will be essential if we are to succeed.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL GRIFFITH
(Chairman-designate,
Countryside Council for Wales)

Greenfield, Treffant,
Denbigh, Clwyd.

November 29.

Aid for Soviet Union

From the Ambassador of the USSR

Sir, Following my letter published in your paper a week ago (December 3) concerning the humanitarian aid to those in real need in the Soviet Union there has been a swift and generous response from the British public. I do thank most sincerely all those who sent their donations to the Barclays Bank charity account and contributed in many other ways including food parcels and medicines.

I write as a recently resigned member of a local Tory association. Yours faithfully,

L. ZAMYATIN,
Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.

From Group Captain

H. T. BENNETT, RAF (ret'd)

Sir, Last week I was in Tashkent, Dushanbe and Samarkand. In each of these towns there is a large vegetable and fruit market, in Samarkand the largest I have ever seen. Stalls were piled high with oranges, apples, pomegranates, tomatoes and other fruits I have not seen before, almonds, walnuts, garlic and dried melon wrapped in plastic film.

Yours truly,

H. T. BENNETT,
17a Culford Mansions,
Culford Gardens, SW3.

December 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Towards better relations with police

From the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire

Sir, Your thought-provoking leader ("Policing the police", December 7) discusses, in part, the merits of a national force to increase police accountability. I would suggest that larger units are likely to cause policy-making to be moved away from the very areas where the service is delivered, to offices remote from an understanding of local needs.

Such a move might ensure central control but it would be a moot point whether that control would be in touch with and accountable to the feelings of the taxpayer. A move towards the districts would be more appropriate.

As I left my last command, in north-west London, six months ago, people in Camden and their police officers were just starting to discover real, day-to-day accountability. The building process had been long and often tense, and it was still far from perfect. None the less, locally elected and unselected representatives of the communities joined regularly with officers to set objectives and even engaged in the joint creation of some modest performance indicators.

Given the size of the Metropolitan Police, this was seen as a useful, practical complement to

central constitutional accountability. Here, in the large metropolitan police service of South Yorkshire, we are just embarking on a similar process.

At headquarters we have pushed out the responsibility for objective-setting away from the centre to the outlying districts, urging consultation seeking views from parish councils upwards. One of our latest efforts is to seek wide community contribution to a new "mission statement".

In considering police "value for money" we do well to remember that at least half — and arguably more — of police "money" comes from the community. Their view of what constitutes "value" is vital if responsive "police service" is to prevail over arbitrary "police force".

I am a firm believer in preserving the professional operational independence and in creating rigorous standards of behaviour. I believe firmly that in any future review of British policing the element of the "customer" should be given significant consideration.

Yours etc,

RICHARD WELLS,
Chief Constable,
South Yorkshire Police,
Sing Hill, Sheffield,
South Yorkshire.
December 9.

'Little ice age'

From Dr Ray Noble

Sir, Your report of newly published evidence suggesting that changes in solar activity could produce another "little ice age" (Science and Technology, December 6) should act as a warning to those in the environmental lobby who simply insist that the Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change has "settled" the issue of global warming. In fact,

The IPCC itself concluded (Report of Working Group I) that changes in solar activity might have caused global temperature changes in the recent past. And they also noted that there was a significant correlation with changes of the "little ice age" type. Furthermore, a report published in 1989 by the Marshall Institute in Washington also suggested that such a phenomenon was imminent because of the expected cycle of changes in sunspot activity.

The different versions of the royal arms prepared for the official use of the Lord Chamberlain, the Imperial War Graves Commission, HMSO, royal warrant holders, the Ministry of Information and even the order of service for her Majesty's coronation in Westminster Abbey all show the heraldic observer Fox-Davies in his authoritative *Book of Public Arms*, dated 1894, all fell under the unicorn's cloven spell.

Incidentally, the original version of the royal arms prepared for the Wellcome Foundation (registered as a house mark in the Trade Mark Journal in 1908) was later altered at the request of Henry Wellcome. He claimed that "the hooves require very slight modification". One wonders what they were like before. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL PRESTON,
The Arts Club,
40 Dover Street, W1.
December 7.

Welsh environment

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COURT CIRCULAR

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Warrant Officer Johnson, serving as an Explosives Disposal operator in Northern Ireland, completed 25 Explosive Ordnance Disposal tasks, including the safe neutralization of nine live devices. The most significant incident occurred when Warrant Officer Johnson was tasked to a vehicle which was suspected to contain mortars designed to be fired at a nearby Security Forces base. The vehicle had been abandoned in the middle of a housing estate and beside a hospital.

Warrant Officer Johnson immediately realized that civilian lives would be put at risk if any of the mortar bombs were inadvertently launched during his disposal action. The normal procedure would have been to deal with the mortar by firing a remote-controlled vehicle to disrupt the device. He decided that this posed too great a risk to civilian lives and that he would have to remove the bombs from their firing tubes and dismantle them by hand.

With the help of his assistant, the firing tubes were carefully moved from the back of the vehicle and placed on the ground. As the next stage was extremely hazardous, due to the delicate nature of the bombs, Warrant Officer Johnson sent his assistant back behind cover and continued the render-safe procedure alone. He placed the firing tubes so that if they fired or exploded, the patients in the hospital would not have been in danger. In the dark and in a bitterly cold drizzle, which made the handling of metal objects more hazardous, he proceeded to remove the bombs, dismantling each in turn. While he was dismantling the last bomb, there was an explosion, causing him very serious injury to his face, eyes and legs. Completely blinded by high velocity fragments, he was thrown across the road by the force of the blast, suffering multiple injuries to his legs.

Such was his courage and determination to ensure that the task was completed safely that, although in great pain, he refused to be evacuated until he had carefully briefed his assistant on the precise details of the device so that the operation could be safely completed by a replacement operator.

Lieutenant-Colonel George West was received by the Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office.

The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, attended the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce dinner and presented the Albert Medal to Dr Jonathan Miller at the Society's House, London SW1.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Cahill and Miss V.J.S. Avon The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs John Cahill, of Tilehurst, Berkshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Avon, of Bramber, Sussex.

Mr R.R. Cunningham and Miss D.J.H. Frost The engagement is announced between Roger, second son of Mr and Mrs Roland Cunningham, of Killeyeagh, County Down, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Frost, of Sible Hedingham, Essex.

Mr G.W.C. Everard and Miss E.R. Lewis The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs John Everard, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lewis, of Formby, near Liverpool.

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Mr D.G. McKenna and Miss J.A. Young The engagement is announced between Douglas, younger son of the late Mrs McKenna and of Mr L. McKenna, of Clarkson, Glasgow, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I.S. Young, of Lauderdale Church, Brampton, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.M. Rainbow and Miss M. Warren The engagement is announced between James Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs William Rainbow, of Craig House, Fallowfield, Hexham, Northumberland, and Michelle, daughter of Mr Michael Warren of Crosspool, Sheffield, and Mrs Anthony Watson, of High Green, Sheffield.

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The League of Friends, of the Chelsea district, has appointed Mr. and Mrs. John and Christopher Wilkinsons as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

OBITUARIES

Dr Armand Hammer, international businessman and philanthropist, died on December 10 aged 92 after a brief illness. He was born on May 21, 1898, in New York City.

ARMAND Hammer was a capitalist on a grand scale, whose business career and wheeling-dealing spanned seven decades. He lived up to the fortune that was foretold for him as a young man — to live dangerously but carefully. At the time of his death, he was the chairman of Occidental Petroleum.

For decades he maintained his 14 hours a day, seven days a week work schedule, with half his time spent circling the world in his private jet, spending half a million dollars a year on long-distance phone calls. But he was also very much at the centre of world politics. He played a critical role in the events leading up to the oil price explosion of 1973-74. His friends extended from leading politicians in the West to the King of Saudi Arabia and to Prince Charles.

But the Soviet Union loomed large throughout his life. With especial access to the Kremlin, he made himself from the early 1960s the irreplacable go-between between five Soviet general secretaries and six US presidents — in good times and bad. He began his career supplying medicines to the epidemic-ridden Soviet Union after the Bolshevik revolution. At the end, he had cut across East-West antagonism and organised the Western medical assistance programme, led by Dr Robert Gale, for the survivors of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

Hammer created a great art collection and was a philanthropist of note. He was a "builder", but more than anything else, he was a deal-maker. "I don't think he will ever stop," his younger brother Victor once said. "It's not making money. It's the question of confirming his judgement."

In his never-ending negotiations, Hammer could be, as one opponent recalled, "fathersly and very loving", always breaking the tension with an anecdote. But he was always deadly serious in seeking to get what he wanted. "Nobody ever outbid me," he said of his art collecting, but the same might be said of him in business. He might have been an abacus in an age of pocket calculators, but an abacus that would do calculations much faster than the fastest calculator. In advancing his interests, he had a great talent for letting people hear what they wanted to hear. There are at least a dozen men who thought they were Hammer's heir apparent at Occidental — and found that they were wrong.

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Marriages

Mr P.H.C. Stanley and the Hon Frances Roche The marriage took place yesterday at the Chapel of St Edmund, Wellington Barracks of Mr Peter Hugh Charles Stanley, son of the late Hon Hugh Stanhope, and of Mrs William Spiegelberg of Oulton Park House, Tarporley, Cheshire, to the Hon Frances Caroline Burke Roche, only daughter of the late Lord Fermoy, and of Lady Fermoy, of Axford House, Marlborough, Wiltshire. The Rev Neville Danvers and the Bishop of Winchester pronounced the blessing.

Mrs Susan Cook, sister, read the lesson and Miss Olwen Davies read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. The Dean of Guildford gave an address and the Bishop of Winchester pronounced the blessing.

Mr John Denis Purcell A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Denis Purcell was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Rev D.A. Bartlett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Lord Fermoy, was attended by Diana Spiegelberg, Victoria Vela, Emily McConquodale, Eleanor Fellowes, George McDermott, Charlie Hanbury and George Hanbury. Mr Richard Pilkington was best man.

Stalin took power and Hammer packed his bags at the end of the

building socialism, and later became an ardent champion of detente.

Julius was infatuated with Bolshovism and his drug company became one of the principal suppliers of the Red Army, ostracised as it was by the trading nations of the West. He wanted to go to Moscow himself in 1921 to collect his company's dues, but he was at that moment detained in Sing Sing, having been found guilty of performing an illegal abortion.

Armand went instead. He had just qualified as a doctor himself, though he never practised. He carried relief medical supplies for the strife-torn country and hoped to collect \$150,000 that the Soviets owed the family company. Delivering the medical supplies was the closest Hammer came to practising medicine although in the East he was always known as "The Doctor". He had arrived a few months after Lenin announced the new economic policy, restoring some competition in the ruined Soviet economy and encouraging trade with the West.

Hammer bussed himself as an asbestos concession, as an agent for Ford tractors and other products and with the national concession for pencils. He even ran his own fur stations in Siberia, employing his own trappers. He lived in a 24-room mansion in Moscow, with eight servants and a chauffeur-driven car.

He married a Russian, Olga Von Root, a singer of gipsy songs and a daughter of a Tsarist officer.

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packed his bags at the end of the

1920s. He and his brother Victor brought out many Russian pictures, which he sold through department stores in the United States. He devoted himself to making money — and did so in a variety of other ways.

He founded the Hammer Galleries

in New York City with his brother, Victor. Just before the United States repealed the prohibition which outlawed alcohol, he started importing wood from the Soviet Union to make beer barrels. A Hammer cooperative ended up as the leading purveyor of barrels in the beer trade. Later he acquired a Kentucky bourbon distillery called J. W. Dot, in those days an unremarkable noho which he nevertheless brazenly marketed as "The Crown Jewel of Kentucky Bourbon". By slashing prices he won a major market share. Promoting mash, a by-product of bourbon-making, as a cattle feed, he started breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle.

He came to Los Angeles in 1956,

aged 58, a wealthy man, to invest.

Occidental had no choice and gave

a small nearly-bankrupt little com-

pany called Occidental.

He knew nothing about oil. He took along a camera to take pictures the first time he went to see the wells. He hired a veteran oil man, and by 1961

Occidental had made its first sig-

nificant discovery.

Hammer was able to capitalise on

the Soviet fascination with big-time

capitalists who show friendliness to

them. But he had special access, his

history and the Lenin connection.

These counted enormously. When

he told Brezhnev that he reminded

him of Lenin, Brezhnev's eyes

misted over. Hammer had no

scruples in a decade later, that

Mikhail Gorbachev also reminded

him of Lenin. Eventually Hammer

announced a vast chemical-fertiliser

deal among other transactions with

enhance a desert oasis on a site

which was also the burial place of

King Idris's beloved father, in

1967, Occidental — in one case

drilling on a site abandoned by

Mobil — made large discoveries,

including wells producing 45,000

and 72,000 barrels a day. When

word reached Hammer in a Houston hotel lobby, he declared: "We

made it, we really made it." These

finds made Occidental into a major

force with production as high as

800,000 barrels a day just in Libya.

It also gave Hammer the where-

withal to move into other areas,

such as the North Sea.

In 1969, Colonel Gadaffi

took power in Libya and began to

pressure Occidental for increased

royalties and taxes. Hammer

asked the major companies if they

would provide alternative sup-

plies if Occidental's production

TELEVISION

Letters to Gorbachev

OF THE many and distinct roles played by the new Nobel laureate Mikhail Gorbachev, that as the Clare Rayner of the Kremlin has perhaps been the least publicised. Yet in the five years since he became Soviet president, he has been the recipient of 850,000 letters from around the world, most of which seem to be answered by two splendid secretarial ladies in the Kremlin who sit around complaining about the standard of foreign paperclips.

Reasons for writing to Gorbachev are somewhat varied: few seem to expect that he will fix them up with a date, or supply a cure for baldness. Nor do they even always expect a reply, though the ladies in the Kremlin usually oblige. In an intriguing film for Central's *Viewpoint '90* - "Dear Mr Gorbachev" - Michael Grigsby went around the world talking to some of the writers.

In America, he found a Vietnam veteran feigning hoping that Gorbachev would treat his Soviet soldiers returning from Afghanistan rather better than the US government looked after its Vietnam survivors. The general secretary of the Indian Women's Federation wrote asking for funds to help eradicate hunger, while a former American rear-admiral regularly writes with advice on the arms race.

A quarter of all letters to Gorbachev this year have come from Britain, but the film did not attempt to ask why; are we simply a nation of prolific letter writers, or do we find in the Soviet president a more amenable correspondent than even the letters editor of *The Times*? Did we write in comparable numbers to old Joe Stalin, and if so, did he reply?

In truth, the fascination of the film was that of any survey of an apparently disparate group with one eccentricity in common. Something in Gorbachev's public image must suggest that he is the kind of man who can get things fixed, though looking around Moscow at present, one could be forgiven for wondering why. But the romantic idea is evidently still strong, and given the current state of world postal services, the true miracle is perhaps that the letters all arrived at the right address.

Meanwhile, are 800,000 Soviet citizens currently writing to John Major, and if so, what do they want? Apart from a better life, of course, and maybe more programmes on television like this. It was possessed of a random and reflective charm. Letter-writers need to be cherished, for they will soon be as scarce as stained-glass artists. The 800,000 messages on Gorbachev's answering machine are unlikely to have been as intriguing.

For BBC 1, the film of *Dark City* was an impressive debut for the producer-director team of Celestia Fox and Chris Corring. A grainy thriller, set in South Africa and loosely based on the case of the Sharpeville Six, it was a story of moral dilemmas and divided loyalties within the black community, sharply written by David Ian and superbly played by a cast drawn largely from Johannesburg's Market Theatre. Ian's conclusion was that in a state where chaos is still encouraged as a tool of government, the only laws that can save are those that come from within the individual.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Years of re-living dangerously

Paul Griffiths on the launch of Simon Rattle's ambitious ten-year music project to celebrate the 20th century, decade by decade

Birmingham was one place where gloom and despondency did not dominate arts enterprises in the 1980s. During that period the city acquired its own opera and ballet companies, in City of Birmingham Touring Opera and the Birmingham Royal Ballet; its orchestra attained a regular quality of performance and breadth of repertoire unsurpassed in this country; and the city took the decision to invest in the building of a new concert hall, due to open next April.

Partly, of course, this was because the Thatcher decade was also the Simon Rattle decade. But Birmingham's energies are rooted in the work of private individuals and civic authorities, emulating the pride, drive and sensitivity of their predecessors. There has, it is easily forgotten, long been a strong cultural tradition in the city: those predecessors built the town hall and brought Mendelssohn, Dvorák and others there in the last century.

Now, for the next decade, those same energies have been geared to an ambitious project announced yesterday: "Towards the Millennium". This will be an annual festival each year it will take a look at a different decade of the 20th century, beginning next year with 1901-10, and aiming to go forward in stages, until the 1990s - in other words, music as yet unwritten - will become the subject in the year 2000. Jointly dreamed up by Simon Rattle and the late Michael Vyner,

the project is planned to include performances in London as well as Birmingham, and to be based musically as much on the London Sinfonietta as on the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

However, the plan for next year make it very clear that the second city comes first: "Towards the Millennium" is backed by Birmingham City Council, and the full range of events - drama, films, concerts, exhibitions, talks - will take place only in Birmingham: London will just be receiving half a dozen concerts, very much as a spin-off.

But what concerns? In April, Rattle will be conducting the Sinfonietta in a concert performance of *Pelléas et Mélisande*, with a cast led by Elise Ross, Dale Duesing and François Loup, and also the CBSO in Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto and the great slumbering giant of Czech late Romanticism, Suk's *Asrael Synphony*.

Other CBSO programmes the month before will include Mahler's Seventh Symphony and Stravinsky's complete *Firebird*, as well as Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*. That is properly a 19th-century work, since its first performance - in Birmingham, of course - was in 1900, but it offers a new link back to the city's earlier days of artistic glory.

There will be a Sinfonietta programme, conducted by Oliver Knussen, of music from 1901-10



Simon Rattle with "Anna Pavlova" and "Nijinsky" (Lacy Kitching and Alan Harris) at the launch yesterday of "Towards the Millennium"

by Debussy, Schoenberg, Bartók, Busoni and Ives. Altogether, these six programmes provide a remarkably full roster of the great names at work during that decade: perhaps Reger is the most notable absentee.

In Birmingham, however, the feast will be even fuller. Quite apart from the six main concerts, audiences there will be getting a dramatisation of *The Ragged Trouser Philanthropists*, chamber music, early films, a tea-room concert of Edwardian novelties, and talks on a variety of artistic and technological subjects which Birmingham's buildings and museum collections are well equipped to illustrate. Later decades, particularly the 1960s and 1970s, will perhaps show the city in a less glorious architectural light - unless, of course, by 1997-98 tours of

tower blocks and bus rides around the inner ring-road have acquired a nostalgic appeal.

As the project moves forward, though, its lessons will inevitably become more surprising and provocative - and lessons there will be, since although Rattle insists that "Towards the Millennium" is going to be "playful, rather than didactic", inevitably it is going to bring to light unexpected connections and echoes. Indeed, it may do that more easily and fruitfully if it has the atmosphere more of a carnival than of a lecture course.

However, this is least likely to happen with the decade 1901-10, which is by now pretty familiar, maybe even over-familiar, as cultural territory. With the exceptions perhaps of Suk and Ives, the composers represented in the key

concerts are not suffering undue neglect.

We may all get more of a shock when, in 1996, "Towards the Millennium" reaches a decade when we are confronted by such diversities as between Stravinsky and Stockhausen, Britten and Cage, Boulez and Poulenec.

There will also be the huge problem, once past 1992, of what to do with film and popular music, which would swamp the other arts if they were to be represented in proportion to their mass appeal. If that were allowed, they might easily turn "Towards the Millennium" into exactly what Rattle has said it is not: an exercise in nostalgia. One must hope, rather, that the opportunities will be seized to make these encounters real rediscoveries, in the way that the English National Opera's

BRIEFING

Opera from a small box

Studios in Hammersmith for its London spring season (April 16-27). At a press conference, artistic director Richard Alston criticised the tiny stage at the Wells as "one of the least suitable venues in all England. You can travel all over the country and see Rambert in large spaces. I want that for London audiences as well." The season includes a world premiere from William Tuckett, a 21-year-old member of the Royal Ballet.

Last chance . . .

IN HIS early play, *Death and the King's Horseman* (Royal Exchange, Manchester), Wolf Sovinka is pretty hopeless at writing dialogue for his white characters. But the drumming that accompanies the Yoruba hero's suicide attempt is something else. Peter Badejo, who leads the singing, and Muraina Oyelami, who assembled the band and leads the drumming, are both from Nigeria - Oyelami is also a Yoruba Chief - and their music casts the authentic mesmeric spell. It ends on Saturday (061-833 9833).



Errol Pickford (left) and Stuart Cassidy: two of the new young British front-runners at the Royal Ballet this season

has recently decided to join the Houston Ballet, and rumours persist that another leading man is also tempted by a transatlantic move. One problem is that at Covent Garden, being given a leading role does not guarantee appearing in it very often because of the limited number of performances and the practice of presenting multiple casts.

He admits that if he had not been given new roles at Covent Garden this season, he would have thought about leaving. "You can't afford to waste your career waiting around too long," he says. For his part, Cassidy has not had time to grow restive, and neither of them has any wish to leave the Royal Ballet, but they would both look elsewhere if they thought they had reached a block in their careers.

One of their slightly older colleagues, Philip Broomhead,

is also tempted by a transatlantic move. "It's as if the management had no faith in its own dancers," is Pickford's reaction. Both he and Cassidy wonder whether the Royal Ballet is being pushed into a position paralleling that of the Royal Opera, where the principals are imported for each production. There is a feeling among the dancers that anyone with a foreign name is automatically applauded while British dancers are disregarded. "If one of them gives a bad show," Cassidy says, "people say he just had a bad night. If we give a bad show, we're dead."

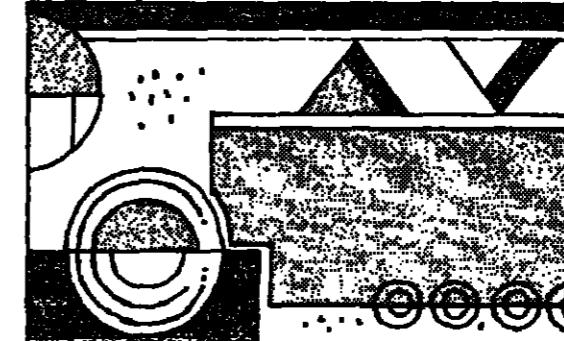
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6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laura Mayer
6.50 Daytime UK introduced by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Birmingham and Agron Mili in Manchester
9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwave. Andy Craig presents the quiz show based on hobbies, leisure and lifestyle 9.25 Dash of the Day. Culinary tips 9.30 People Today. Includes medical phone-in advice from Dr Eva Jacobs
10.00 News, regional news and weather
10.05 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.25 Barney. Cartoon 10.35 People Today, including Open Air, the arena for viewers to question programme makers
11.00 News, regional news and weather
11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a discussion on child sex abuse 11.45 Dateline 11.55 Granada
12.00 News, regional news and weather
12.05 Happy Memories. Cilla Michelmore and Wendy Gibson in Newcastle invite viewers to recall their favourite moments, with the help of music and archive films. They include a dancing lesson, a surprise backstage meeting and a secret tune whistled through a letter box 12.20 Scene Today. Alan Titchmarsh and Judy Spiers introduce guests with live entertainment from Petrie Mill 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Humphrys Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz hosted by Henry Kelly

2.15 Knots Landing: In Mourning. Drama, backstabbing, tears and intrigue set in a California cul-de-sac. Did Ben really kill Greg or did he just pretend to do so? Jean believes that all went according to plan but she cannot prove it. Much to Laura's disgust, Peter arrives at the ranch to do a stocktake and seems determined to protect his financial interests
3.05 Primestimes. David Jacobs and Sheila McClennan present the magazine for the mature viewer
3.45 Daffy Duck. Cartoon 3.50 Animal. Album featuring an amiable and legless creature 4.05 Touché Turtle. Cartoon about a turtle musketeer 4.10 Charlie Brown and Snoopy. Animated series of the cartoon-strip heroes 4.35 Hartbeat. West of creating pictures with Tony Hart and Margaret Wilson. Includes a visit to Wokley Hole Paper Mill (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama series set on Teeside. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours. (r) (Ceefax) Northern Ireland. Soap 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland. Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Wogan with John Taylor, prospective Tory MP for Chelmsford, and Steven Whittaker. Plus music from Father Faber
7.35 Dodge Howler MD. Likeable American comedy-drama. (Ceefax)
8.00 The Trial of Life: Counting. David Attenborough looks at the elaborate courting rituals which birds and animals go through when picking a mate. The females of the species have to be very choosy to ensure their young will be well provided for and the males rely on different techniques to

attract them. Techniques include whales singing love songs across the sea, hamsters sending perfumed messages and mandrills doing a dance routine. But often more show-off is not enough to stave off competition, and some animals resort to violence, like the harlequin beetles which throw one another off trees and bower birds which wreck their rivals' property when the victims are away. (Ceefax)
8.55 A Party Political Broadcast by a Liberal Democrat politician
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Blackadder Goes Forth. Fifth in the much-relished series starring Rowan Atkinson as the scheming Captain Blackadder who will stop at nothing to escape the horrors of life in a western front trench in 1917 at the expense of his dim lackeys Baldrick and George. This week Blackadder is ordered to find a spy in the hospital and figures this is his last chance to spend a few weeks in bed (r). (Ceefax), Northern Ireland. Raw Sportsnight. Steve Redgrave lives up to his coverage of the heavyweight boxing bout between Britain's Gary Mason and James Pritchard from Kentucky. Plus football action from tonight's FA cup second round replays and the third round of the UEFA cup and Europa from the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in Munich
10.00 Everyman: The Birmingham Wives. Sixteen years after their husbands and fathers were arrested and convicted of the murder of 21 people in the Birmingham pub bombing, the wives and daughters left behind talk about the difficult years of waiting and hoping, convinced of their menfolk's innocence
12.40am Weather

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of parliamentary business from both houses
9.00 Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series spin-off from Happy Days (r)
9.25 Water Under the Bridge. Last of a three-part mini-series based on Summer Locke Elliott's novel (r)
11.00 After Hours. American showbiz magazine which this morning includes an interview with Paul McCartney
11.20 The Invisible Man: Go Directly to Jail. A cleaner turns to Dr Westin to help exonerate his son, who she believes has been framed (r)
12.15 Elephant Kingdom. David Attenborough looks at the history of the relationship between humans and elephants in Thailand (r)
1.05 The Gun. Christopher Roads introduces the last programme on the history of the firearm (r)
1.20 The Adventures of Spot. Cartoon (r) 1.25 What's Inside? (r)
1.35 Country File. A report from an area of land on the outskirts of Wigan, left scarred and polluted after the industrial revolution, which has made a remarkable recovery with the help of the local council and nature conservation bodies (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by Spitfire Raymond Baxter, a former Spitfire pilot, relates the story of the race to develop a plane capable of opposing Hitler's Messerschmitts (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.30 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchphrase. Word quiz hosted by Paul Cole

4.30 Behind the Headlines. Beverly Anderson talks to Nigel Warren Green, chairman of the London Chamber Orchestra, and Stephen Petter, classical music critic of *The Times* (postponed from last week)
5.00 Film 90 with Barry Norman (r)
5.30 Nature: Between Two Stools (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Picard is accused of murder in 20th-century San Francisco. (Ceefax)
6.45 DEF II begins with Dance Energy Update. Music, the video vote and DJ of the week. Followed by Autobiography of the USA. A personal view of American history 7.00 Rough Guide to Careers. Reh Dhand and Lindsey MacRae check out careers in tourism 7.40 Rapido. Rock music show. Includes guest times and Whitney Houston
8.10 Timewatch: White Man's Grave, Black Man's Grave. ◇ CHOICE: The killing and beheading of a white planter by followers of a black baptist pastor in Nyassaland (now Malawi) in 1915 is reconstructed by writer-producer John Trifitt as a key episode in British colonial history. The planter was William Livingston, a distant relative of Dr David Livingstone, the explorer, whose dream for Africa was Christianity, commerce and civilisation. The pastor was John Chilimbiwe, who had spent some of his formative years in Virginia and seen from another perspective the subjugation of the black races. Ironically Chilimbiwe and his followers started to appropriate David Livingstone's dream with their own versions of church, business and culture, before giving up peaceful competition and turning to violence.
12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.30am

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HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 8.00-8.30pm Wales at Six
SCOTLAND
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SKY ONE
Via the Astra and Marconi satellite 6.00 Sing and Swing. Jazz performances from the Thirties and Forties 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily 6.25 The Art of Landscape. The beauty of the natural world captured on film and matched with relaxing music 6.45 As It Happens. Michael Groth and his film crew visit the US Air Force in the Gulf and meet male and female soldiers who are camping in "Tent City" 7.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron 7.20 Business Daily 7.30 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children 7.40 Pilgrimages. Walter Schwarz, religious affairs correspondent of the *Guardian*, returns to his native Austria where he and his family fled just before the Nazis marched in. (Teletext)
7.50 The Adventures of Marco Polo (1938, b/w). Gary Cooper stars in Samuel Goldwyn's curiously sketchy epic about the 13th-century Venetian adventurer and his journey to the court of Kublai Khan. Directed by Archie Mayo 7.55 Fifteen-to-One 8.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Dumped by High Society. An insight into the realities of *Dates/Dynasty* lifestyles as Oprah interviews the former wives of millionaires, now without money, friends or their previous "high society" standing

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RADIO 3
6.55pm Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (Quintet for piano and wind, K 452; Alfred Brendel, piano, Heinz Holliger, oboe, Eduard Steuermann, cello, Hermann Baumann, horn, Klaus Thunemann, bassoon)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Chopin Variations in B flat, Op. 2, LPO under Eliahu Inbal, with soloists: Daniel Barenboim; Virgil (Concerto (RV 151); Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood; Tchaikovsky (November, December and April, The Seasons, March, April, piano); Barber (Knock); Summer of 1915; Orchestra of St Luke's under David Zinman with Dawn Upshaw, soprano)
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10.30 Chester Summer Music Festival 1990: The City of London Singers, the BBC Northern Singers perform Vaughan Williams' *Tallis Fantasia*; Finzi (Requiem da Camera (first broadcast); Vaughan Williams' (Cello Concerto); Mozart (Coronation Mass); 19.45-19.50 Philhar

Requiem
1.00 Concert Hall: The Joachim Piano Trio performs Beethoven (Allegro) in B flat, WoO 39; Brahms' (Wie es in der Welt) 2.00 Concert Hall: The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Conductor: Edward Greenfield, Building a Library, Dvorák's Slavonic Dances by Jan Smaczny, Rodney Milnes reviews the new Sicilian Violin by Riccardo Mutti; Paul Geller reviews new discs of electric music. 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Overseas institutions are the principal winners on first day of trading

Power shares rocket to big premiums

By MARTIN WALLER

First day dealings in previous government share offers

	Offer price	First deals	First day closing
TSB (1985)	50p	84p	85p
British Telecom (84)	50p	90p	93p
British Airways (87)	65p	107p	110p
British Gas (86)	50p	62p	64p
BAA (87)	100p	145p	147p
Rolls-Royce (87)	60p	141p	141p
British Steel (85)	60p	62p	61½p
Enterprise (84)	100p	98p	100p
Water (89)	100p	135p-156p	132p-158p

SHARES in the electricity distributors raced to enormous premiums as dealings started in the City yesterday, but only a lucky few institutions, believed mainly to be American or continental, were able to take their profits at the higher levels.

By the end of trading in London, total volumes traded had reached almost 800 million, below those managed in water flotation last year.

Closing prices ranged from 142p for London Electricity and 142.5p for Northern, perceived as the least likely to perform, to more than 160p for some of the companies favoured by the City.

The leader was Manweb, at 166p, with South Wales 2p behind and Yorkshire on 159.5p, but dealers were questioning whether these prices would hold up once retail investors came in.

The majority of trades had taken place in the first couple of hours after the 2.30 pm start. Business was at a virtual standstill during the last hour.

Peter Marsh, head of UK dealing at James Capel, the government's main broker to the issue, said the levels of trading reached were "possibly slightly disappointing. Some people would have expected it to be a bit more than this."

About half the trades were thought to come from institutional end-customers, with the rest done among the market-makers. The level of inter-dealer business gave credence to reports that American institutions, who are required to deal that way, were doing the selling. Continental institutions were also reported as active in taking their profits.

The biggest premium at the opening went to Manweb, which started trading at 177p against a par-paid price of 100p. There had been morning forecasts that the premium could top 80p.

The package of shares in all 12 opened at 1,533p and moved upwards sharply before slipping back to about £15, where dealers said it found some support from its 7 per cent yield at this level.

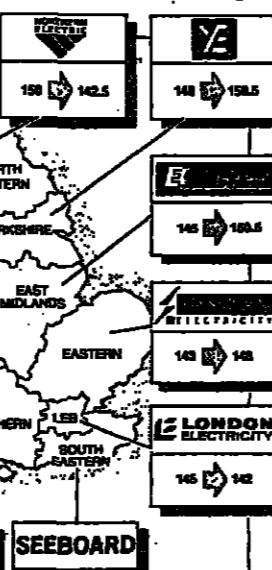
The market saw little trading at the very high opening levels, with 147p and 145p quoted even for SEEBOARD and Eastern respectively, two companies which had not been expected to see high premiums, and prices soon came crashing off. There was an air of anti-climax around dealers' screens after the hectic first few minutes, a feeling compounded by severe shortage of stock.

Mike Unsworth, head of research at Smith New Court, said: "The volumes are reasonably healthy, but not as healthy as they could have been." The high initial premiums would have deterred institutional buyers, who would have been merely "dipping their toes in", even once prices came back.

Mr Marsh at Capel thought volumes today could equal those seen in the first three-and-a-half hours of dealing yesterday.

This time, dealers had been allowed to put in indicative prices 10 minutes before deal-

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Goodman ruling delay

THE high court in Dublin has delayed until next Wednesday a decision on the rescue plan for Goodman International, the deeply indebted business empire of Larry Goodman.

Thirty-three banks, which are owed £150 million (£454 million) by Europe's largest beef processor, agreed on Monday to back the rescue plan put forward by Peter Fitzpatrick, a court-appointed examiner. Mr Fitzpatrick yes-

terday presented the package to Justice Liam Hamilton, who said he would read it and give his response on December 19.

The collapse of the Goodman Group, which employs about 2,500 people and exports to 40 countries, would be a big blow to Ireland's farming-oriented economy.

Mr Goodman has assured farmers they will not suffer as a result of the deal.

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North-South divide shows up in the pub

Bitter-sweet cocktail for brewers

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THEY may have been coining it in at the Rover's Return, but business has not been so brisk at the Queen Vic, if the latest round of brewing figures are anything to go by. The numbers show that while northerners and midlanders are still enjoying a regular pint, southerners are feeling the recession and spending less time and money at their local.

Vaux, the Sunderland brewer, increased pre-tax profits 13.5 per cent to £35.8 million in the year to end-September. Sales rose from £221 million to £250 million and earnings per share from 18.6p to 20.3p. The final dividend is 5.78p, making 8.70p, up 11.7 per cent. There was an extraordinary profit of £5.8 million from the sale of five hotels.

Harts & Hanson, the Nottingham brewer, is also showing a healthy increase in the year to end-September. At the pre-tax level profits rose from £5.36 million

to £6.34 million on sales of £24.9 million, up from £22.8 million. Earnings per share rose from 69.2p to 81.8p and the final dividend is 22.3p making 33.5p for the year, up from 28.1p.

But AJ Devenish, the largest pub operator in the Southwest, is having a tougher time. Pre-tax profits fell from £14 million to £11.3 million on sales of £96.6 million up from £84.4 million. Earnings per share fell from 24.6p to 16.4p and the final dividend is 4.25p, making 5.3p for the year, up 14 per cent.

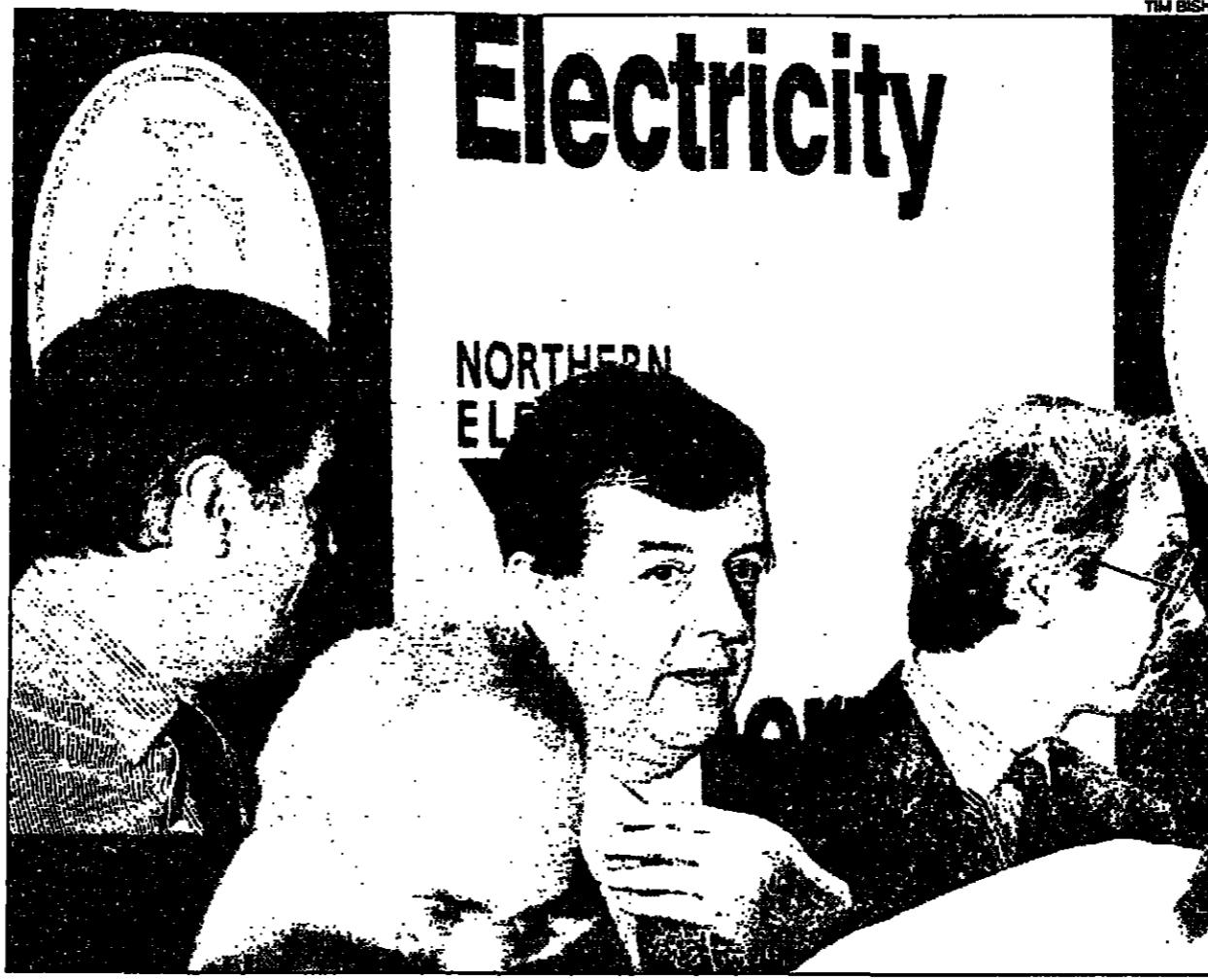
Michael Cannon, the Devenish chairman, said that although the group had been keen to buy pubs from the large brewers in the wake of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into brewing, the prices being asked were up to 30 per cent too high and the packages on offer included a large number of poor quality pubs.

Vaux has bought 80 pubs during the year from Allied-Lyons, Whitbread and

Grand Metropolitan and Paul Nicholson, the chairman, said that while some of the packages on offer were of poor quality, there were still some favourable deals to be done. Mr Nicholson said Vaux, which brews lager under licence for Labatts, is committed to brewing.

Devenish, however, has reviewed its brewing operations which lost £200,000. It considered pulling out of brewing altogether, a route already taken by Greenall Whitley and Boddington, but decided to keep the brewery going.

In spite of the North-South divide, the regional brewers shared some common experiences. The property market has been flat in most areas and the hotel business has been having a tough time. And, for six weeks in the summer, the entire nation seemed to shun pubs for the World Cup. "I think we were the only people who wanted to see England go out of the competition in the first round," said a Devenish director.



Man in the middle: John Wakeham, the energy secretary, surveys the crush during dealing at James Capel

Brierley places Discount stake

SIR Ron Brierley, the New Zealand member of a rapidly diminishing line-up of Antipodean entrepreneurs, has placed his 28 per cent stake in Union Discount, the discount house at 550p a share (Jona- than Pryn writes).

The placing, which was oversubscribed, was carried out by two brokers, Smith New Court and Peel Hunt. The shares were placed with "a substantial number of institutions". Sir Ron's IEP group first bought into Union Discount in March 1987, when he purchased 9.2 per cent. The sale raises £30.3 million. The sale raises 9.2 per cent. The sale raises £30.3 million.

Graeme Gilchrist, the chief executive of Union Discount, was "delighted to have replaced one shareholder with 35 extremely well-known institutions". Union Discount's shares fell 4p to 579p.

Pearson interest
Shares in Pearson, the publishing group, dropped 11p to 659p as the group confirmed its interest in one part of Fairfax Group, the Australian newspaper group in voluntary liquidation.

Pearson said its interest was in one newspaper, the *Australian Financial Review*. It said: "If the liquidator decides to sell assets, Pearson — owner of the *Financial Times* — would be interested in the *Australian Financial Review*."

Dowty level
Dowty, the aerospace and electronics group, reports unchanged pre-tax profits of £37.1 million for the six months to end-September on turnover 5 per cent higher at £352.6 million. The interim dividend is increased by less than 3 per cent to 3.6p.

Tiphook holding
Tiphook, the trailer rental firm, has taken a 9.9 per cent trade investment in its rival, TIP Europe. Tiphook, which said it has no intention of making a hostile offer, is thought to have paid about 70p a share. TIP Europe's shares gained 17p to 56p. Stock market, page 24

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Liquidators appointed for Levitt after request

By ANGELA MACKAY

THE Levitt Group was placed in liquidation last night, four days after administrators were called into the cash-strapped financial services company.

Tim Hayward, head of corporate recovery at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, and John Alexander and Phil Wallace, both partners, were appointed liquidators of the Levitt Group (Holdings) and Levitt Group Limited, its financial services subsidiary.

The appointment was made at the request of the company's directors and shareholders. A team from the accounting firm has been working at Levitt's offices as soon as possible to decide which businesses we can sell as going concerns."

The liquidators are keen to split up the business and sell the component parts as quickly as possible. It is thought that the Levitt salesmen may club together and "offer" themselves to a potential buyer as part of a package, or set up their own independent businesses.

Under Section 109 of the Financial Services Act (1986), an auditor is empowered to notify financial regulators if it is concerned about the state of its client.

Stay Hayward, auditor of the group, refused to sign off the company's 1989 accounts because of "unsatisfactory financial information.

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Stay Hayward said last night that it had acted "where appropriate".

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Danish group buys AFF

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MD FOODS International, part of Denmark's biggest dairy company, is paying £92.4 million for Associated Fresh Foods, a dairy business bought out of Asda Group three years ago by its managers for £65 million.

The deal gives MDI, its first production presence in Britain, where its Lurpak and Danish Blue brands are already well known. Frank Blake, AFF's managing director, said it would benefit AFF by removing its debt burden, providing resources for product development, and would give access to wider markets.

MD Foods made post-tax profits of £6.9 million in the year to October 1989 on sales of £1.1 billion. It accounts for 70 per cent of milk production in Denmark, where it operates 45 plants, and is a main exporter of butter and cheese.

In 1989, MD began a programme of overseas expansion by acquisition. It has export markets in Germany, Italy, Sweden, North America, the Middle East and Japan. It has about 5 per cent of

Britain's liquid milk market.

Mr Blake said MD's support would speed AFF's expansion in Britain. There are no plans to become a big exporter. The deal will take the form of an agreed offer valuing AFF's shares at £43.3 million. MD will assume responsibility for £49 million of debts.

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VAUX GROUP plc

'22 years of profit growth'

- Profit before tax up 18.3% to £35.8m.
- Vaux Breweries and Inns purchased 91 pubs and achieved excellent profit growth of 21%.
- Swallow Hotel Birmingham opened as 5 star hotel. Highcliff Hotel, Bournemouth becomes Swallow's first management contract.
- St Andrews Homes now one of the U.K.'s major care home companies.
- Blayneys and Finlays shops increased profits significantly.
- Earnings per share up 9.1%.
- Dividend up 11.7%.



Copies of the Report and Accounts will be available after 28th December 1990 from the Secretary, Vaux Group plc, The Brewery, Sunderland SR1 3AN.

Hammer death may lead to sale of oil assets

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

PARTS of the Piper, Clamor and Scapa oilfields in the North Sea could go up for sale after the death of Armand Hammer, whose Occidental Petroleum has interests in all three.

Wall Street, which had already calculated that the sum of the parts of his empire are much more valuable than the whole, sent the shares gushing \$2.50 to \$23.25, still short of what most analysts estimate as its break-up value of between \$30 and \$33 a share.

Occidental ranks as America's sixteenth largest industrial company and its sixth largest chemical group, as well as being one of the country's ten largest oil companies.

Occidental will come under pressure to sell assets to reduce an immediate \$8 billion debt burden and to find the cash to maintain the dividend.

Occidental's main attraction to the big financial institutions, which hold 35 per cent of its shares, is the 8.4 per cent dividend yield, more than double the industry average.

In recent years, as a result of the debts accrued through a buying spree during the Eighties, cashflow has paid the interest charge, and the \$2.50 a share dividend, costing almost \$700 million a year, has been met from asset sales.

Ray Irani, now in charge of Occidental, has pledged that for the time being the dividend levels will be maintained.

John S. Herold, the research company, estimates that the five main parts of the Hammer empire, if sold individually, could be worth \$17 billion, against the current \$9 billion on the New York Stock Exchange.

John Parry, a Herold analyst, believes the oil and gas business is worth \$7 billion.

The chemical business, which in seven years has gone from losing \$38 million to making \$1 billion, is also valued at about \$7 billion.

Gas transmission could fetch \$2 billion, coal about \$500 million, and the Iowa Beef Company, the world's largest slaughter house, might be worth \$700 million.

Mr Parry said: "It think the beef company is a likely candidate for sale. That would release around \$400 million of debt and also bring in cash."

"They may not want to sell the entire oil business, but they have sold oil interests before and could well sell some properties in the North Sea."

"It's unlikely that they would want to dispose of the chemical business at the moment because it is in the trough of the cycle."

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Clouds clearing: Eugene Anderson yesterday

Interest fell sharply from £21.4 million for the year to 31 March to £6.6 million as net debt shrank from £275.5 million to £85.3 million.

Analysts at County Nat-

West, the broker, said they

expect a full year loss of £25 million but a return to

profitability in 1991. This sup-

ported Mr Anderson's assess-

ment. He said: "We shall see

some black figures on the

bottom line by the end of the

year on a monthly basis."

None of Ferranti's divisions is

profitable now.

Mr Anderson said 17 busi-

ness units are still for sale

including a 64 per cent stake

in Zonephone and the land on

which Marquardt, the Califor-

nian rocket and ordnance divi-

sion, is located. Marquardt has

been relocated to Oklahoma

which will release land worth

an estimated \$60 million.

The chairman said he

wanted to generate between

£40 million and £50 million

in the

from asset sales by the end of

the financial year. Rationali-

sation will continue. Exclud-

ing disposals, Ferranti has cut

its workforce by 1,762, leaving

a total of 10,426 employees

worldwide while a further 432

jobs will also go soon.

The loss of £20.4 million

includes exceptional charges

of £12.4 million in relation to

contracts and stocks. In the

full year result, the company

provided £112.1 million

under exceptional items.

While the company's order

book of £628 million seems to

be holding up in these strin-

gent economic times, the com-

pany is still trying to cut costs

further while developing those

businesses that are less depen-

dent on defence, particularly

aerospace. The proceeds of a

£47 million rights issue were

injected in August which

meant the group was some-

what strapped for cash for

most of the reporting period.

Management tells a story of

gradually clearing cloud sur-

rounding the future of the

group, however, two impor-

tant items overshadow this

recovery.

Even though the money

from the sale of defence

systems is already in the bank,

the accounting has not been

completed because there is a

dispute arising from the value

of the net assets at the time of

the sale. GEC appears to be

demanding a refund of about

£50 million and the matter is

expected to pass into the

hands of an independent

accountant early next year.

Ferranti already has pro-

vided £25.8 million against

asset sales and Mr Anderson

repeated that he thought that

this amount was "prudent

enough".

The other contentious issue

is the resolution of the litiga-

tion surrounding the defence

fraud that triggered Ferranti's

metamorphosis. In June, the

High Court ordered Mr Guer-

rin and three others to repay

£189.9 million to Ferranti and

the group is in the process of

obtaining enforcement orders

in America. So far, it looks

like seizing only \$2 million.

Mr Guerin founded Inter-

national Signal & Control

which merged with Ferranti in

September 1987. The fraud re-

lated to four bogus defence

contracts purportedly nego-

tiated by Mr Guerin.

"It is premature to give any

indication as to the likelihood

of recovery with regard to

these claims," Mr Anderson

said.

Shares in Ferranti were

unchanged at 13p.

ANGELA MACKAY

The sight of our leading life assurance companies looking somewhat silly is nothing new. They are masters at making wrong judgements and massive losses on businesses they fail to understand. From Royal's sporadic dashes for market share growth, through the Prudential with its venture into estate agency to General Accident's New Zealand adventure, the path of the life assurance companies is littered with the burned out remains of ventures which skidded off the road.

The drivers who put them into the ditch, however, largely remain in place, clambering ever upwards towards higher office in the secure world of insurance. The honourable exception is the General Accident director who led the acquisition of NZI. Heads need to roll, however, over the latest piece of life insurance folly, the purchase of share stakes in Levitt Group by Legal & General, with General Accident and Commercial Union in hot pursuit. From outside the insurance industry, Chase Manhattan also bought a 4.9 per cent stake. The insurers should, better

than anybody, have known the risks they were running with Levitt. The group survived on commissions, mostly on-off, upfront, commissions on large lumps of business. The whole industry is commission-led and the life companies fall over each other to offer freelance sales forces such as Levitt the most tempting deals. The quality of Levitt's earnings was poor to dreadful, yet one of the deals to which they agreed was to buy the share stakes from Roger Levitt.

Legal & General, first out of the trap, according to John Elbourne, managing director of life and pensions, went into the purchase to "consolidate business relationships". Less euphemistically, it means L&G believed, or was even told, it would get more business from Levitt if it were a supportive shareholder than if it was just another life company somewhere in the middle of the performance tables.

It is possibly significant, possibly not, that L&G chose to invest its life funds in the Levitt Group rather than its shareholders' funds. It defends the decision on the basis that all the life policyholders would benefit from the flow of business which might have come from Levitt. In the light of subsequent developments, they can now all share in the losses.

Levitt was never a straightforward company. The quality of earnings on front loaded insurance commissions is of the poorest, and there are suggestions that revenue was confused with profit.

The most cautious companies, in any industry with long term business, take their profits a little

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

at a time. Major contractors do not take the contract profits in the first year because things may go wrong in the second. Conservatively accounted leasing companies spread the profits over years: Atlantic did not.

Insurance companies, better than any investors, should know what is profit and what is revenue — revenue which might be clawed back, and would be if the policyholder ceased to pay premiums. They should also know when policies are being sold into unsuitable hands, although the record of Legal & General is not encouraging following the Homes Assured

problem.

The four shareholders paid between them around £25

million for their Levitt shares, and three of them at least may feel some responsibility towards Levitt's clients which may cost them yet more. None of them was using the funds of their directors, but money which had been placed with them on trust for safe keeping. The degree of investigation before they invested and the levels of supervision afterwards seem to suggest that they took their responsibilities, in this case, insufficiently seriously.

As they left, they will have passed the British retail investor, still in the queue to get in. I can have little sympathy with the individual who telephoned these offices yesterday complaining that he got no shares at all but lost several weeks' interest on the cheque for £75,000 which was presented earlier this week.

But it seems a little hard on the keen proponent of popular capitalism and inhabitant of the SEEBOARD area who decides on a modest £500 stake in all 12. He or she will have seen their cheque for £6,000 cashed immediately, in return for just 500 shares. The profit on those shares, in whatever aftermarket exists by the time our putative investor gets to deal, will be substantially less than that seen by those institutions who dealt yesterday.

Shadows over a quick recovery at Ferranti



MICHAEL POWELL

Brighter side to Granada picture

TEMPOS

GRANADA Group's three main divisions — television, rental and leisure — are the sort of corporate combination that should benefit quickly from any upturn in the economy. But the board appears to be at pains to play down premature talk of recovery. The clear message is that 1990 has been a bad year and 1991 looks like being worse.

In the year to September 29, pre-tax profits fell by 27 per cent to £121 million, as higher interest charges and lower profits from business services and property took their toll. In

spite of the fall, the company is paying an unchanged final dividend of 7.9p to give an unchanged total of 12.3p.

High interest charges are likely to be with the company for some time, and are the main reason why a further fall in profits is expected in 1991.

Net borrowings have risen from £326 million to £436 million, leaving gearing at an uncomfortable 86 per cent.

With the economic climate against disposals, the main way of bringing debt down will be to cut capital expenditure, at £296 million last year.

But there is a brighter side to the Granada picture. Once

the regulatory confusion surrounding British Sky Broad-

cating is resolved, Granada's rental shops should be a big beneficiary. On the broadcasting side the prospects are also

rises less than 3 per cent to 3.6p a share (3.5p).

This year Dowty shares peaked at 263p. Then peace broke out in Europe and Dowty was given the cold shoulder, even though just one-third of turnover is directly related to defence. Aerospace is still Dowty's powerhouse, but a 26 per cent increase in trading profits to £21.6 million owed much to the fact that comparable figures last year were affected by the engineers' dispute over working hours.

More likely reasons are that Tiphook recognises a profitable trade investment when it sees one and that its support is likely to deter a bid for TIP on crucial terms. Tiphook probably paid close to 70p a share for its stake, while ITEL, the American group, paid almost 100p per share more not long ago for a 6 per cent holding. In time, Tiphook should reap the benefit from a shrewd opportunistic move.

Dowty Group

EVENTS in the Gulf have failed to support stocks and disappointing interim results from Dowty Group show why. Static pre-tax profits of £37.1 million and earnings of 9.1p a share (9.2p) were below most City forecasts and dealers marked Dowty shares 10p lower to 161p. The dividend

Holders may one day be rewarded for their patience but the shares, on a prospective p/e of 8.5, are unlikely to be re-rated in the short term.

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Power packed

BARRISTER turned stockbroker Humphrey Harrison, aged 33, who resigned from Kite & Aitken in April, has set up his own consultancy business. Harrison, an energy specialist, who previously worked for Paribas and County — where the oil team was ranked second in Exetel's league table — has launched Europe Energy Environment, from offices in London's West End. "I resigned specifically to do this," says South African-born Harrison. "I have been doing work for several overseas energy companies, advising them on investment products and corporate strategy." He explains that

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11	Brown Walker	Lorries	
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13	Unilever (as)	Industrials S-Z	
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15	Br Vis	Industrials A-D	
16	Cetco Group	Transport	
17	Grand Metrol	Breweries	
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22	Low Ind	Industrials L-R	
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24	Life Sciences	Electronics	
25	Firestone	Industrials E-K	
26	Sunbeam (as)	Industrials S-Z	
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30	Surat	Toys	
31	WPP	Paper, Print, Adv.	
32	Sext Mkt	Property	
33	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
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35	NHW Comp	Electricals	
36	Log	Transport	
37	Waddington (J)	Paper, Print, Adv.	
38	Kermans H (as)	Tobacco	
39	Carlsberg (as)	Building Roads	
40	Ultramar (as)	Oil/Gas	
41	Roper	Industrials L-R	
42	Kwik Save	Food	
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Two readers shared the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mr Eric Dixon, of Darlington, and Miss Marylin Stock, of Southall, Middlesex, each receive £1,000.

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A code that could bite

There was a happy time, not too long ago, when editors and their staffs never had to worry about codes. They went about their business, reporting the news, commenting on events, trying to entertain their readers and to provide them with a wide range of service features, ranging from cooking tips and television programmes to crosswords and astrological forecasts.

Then a more raw, rowdy, raunchy note was heard. The name of the game for some newspaper executives was *fun*, and in the pursuit of fun there seemed to be less concern with accuracy, an almost callous readiness to harass ordinary people in pursuit of a story, a lack of concern for privacy and a rather unpleasant arrogance towards anyone who protested.

The reactions came eventually. Private members' bills in the House, followed by the establishment of the Calcutt committee on privacy and related matters, followed by the big "or else": either the press reformed itself or legislative controls would follow.

Suddenly there was a plethora of codes. There was the NPA code, drawn up by national newspaper editors. There was a Press Council code, drawn up by a team led by Louis Blom-Cooper as part of his attempt to rescue the council from impotence. And there was the Calcutt code, produced with the report. Now there is a fourth and, perhaps, final code — the Pressof code.

Pressof? Is it by any chance a new form of Spain? Or a special group of boffins? No, it is in fact rather more prosaic, and a lot more useful. Pressof is short for the Press Board of Finance, which has been established to fund the new Press Complaints Commission, which starts work on January 1. It is broader based than the NPA, which is responsible only for the national newspapers, and, pending the arrival of the PCC, it received the report of an industry working party which attempted to produce an effective and acceptable code from the three drafts before it.

The group was ably chaired by Patsy Chapman, the editor of the *News of the World*. Other national newspaper representatives were Jeremy Deedes, the executive editor of *Telegraph Newspapers*, Roy Greenslade, the editor of

A new press watchdog aims to succeed in putting an end to unscrupulous journalism. Charles Wintour reports

the *Daily Mirror* and Brian Vine, the managing editor of the *Daily Mail*. Regional newspapers had four representatives. Magazines had two, including Jo Foley, the editor of *Options*. The Scots had one.

The end result is a document which is tougher than

the original NPA code, but slightly more relaxed than the Calcutt code. Ms Chapman and her colleagues have in fact fashioned a code which, while not exactly a rod for their backs, could make the job of some tabloids rather more difficult. Their staffs will have to think more carefully about why they are making particular enquiries, and also how they set about the job.

At the very outset the new code states clearly, in accordance with Calcutt, that journalism is

unchanged. On questions of intrusion, privacy, harassment and payments to witnesses or criminals and their associates, the new code is clear but rather more realistic than some of the rules proposed by Calcutt.

There is one noticeable difference as the two codes attempt to define where intrusion into people's privacy can be justified. Both codes agree, with minor variations in wording, that "enquiries into an individual's private life without his or her consent are not generally acceptable", but the new code adds: "Publication can only be justified when in the public interest." Calcutt avoided mentioning the public interest at all.

However, specific examples of the public interest are identical with those justifica-

tions listed by Calcutt, notably, "seriously anti-social conduct". There is a similar slight relaxation on the question of payment to people engaged in crime or their associates.

Again, the new code allows that "the public interest" in some specific areas could be used to justify such action. Lord MacGregor, chairman of the PCC, has already accepted the new code as a proper basis from which his commission can start to work.

Some editors believe that the new code will make little difference to the way responsible newspapers operate. So much the better. Others may take a little longer to get used to it. After a period when editors and their staffs, perhaps with occasional assistance from their ombudsman, follow the new code with care, it should form part of normal working practice. And the threat of legislation should quietly retreat into the shadows.

• The author is ombudsman of the Sunday Times.



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Television's catch-22

Those bidding for the Channel 3 franchise would be wise to consider which party is likely to be in power during the Nineties, Harold Lind reports

There is a widely held belief among advertising people that the nature of the government is largely irrelevant to the general success of their business. This is a comforting view, particularly if you share a trendy dislike of the Conservative party, but unfortunately it is not supported by the figures.

I analysed the 30 years up to 1989, and found that in the 11 years with a Labour government both advertising as a whole and television advertising grew by 0.5 per cent a year on average. In the 19 years of Conservative government, the rate of growth was 5.8 per cent for all advertising and 7.6 per cent for television advertising. Given the large number of years in the analysis, the chance of this difference being accidental is about as great as the chance of Margaret Thatcher going on to lead the Labour party.

Explaining this difference is not difficult. Labour has always tended to favour heavy industry and production at the expense of services and consumption, and a healthy consumer

question of what might happen to the BBC after its charter is reviewed in 1996. Under a Labour government, the answer is simple: like good socialists, it would simply raise the licence fee and/or pump in taxpayers' money to ensure that the Establishment can continue just as before. But a Conservative government under the Thatcherite John Major might be considerably more radical. Action has already been taken to hold down increases in the licence fee, which will almost certainly mean that the BBC will be in grave financial difficulties by 1996. At the moment, the BBC is trying to escape from its dilemma by introducing selective subscription services and making bigger and more compromising deals with sponsors. Unfortunately, I suspect that the former will finish up costing the BBC money rather than making it, while the latter will be of limited benefit to the increasingly large holes in the BBC's finances.

If a Conservative government were not prepared to sanction a big increase in licence fees (having presumably faced enough problems from the community charge) or to use taxpayers' money, its options for putting BBC finances on a firmer footing would be severely limited.

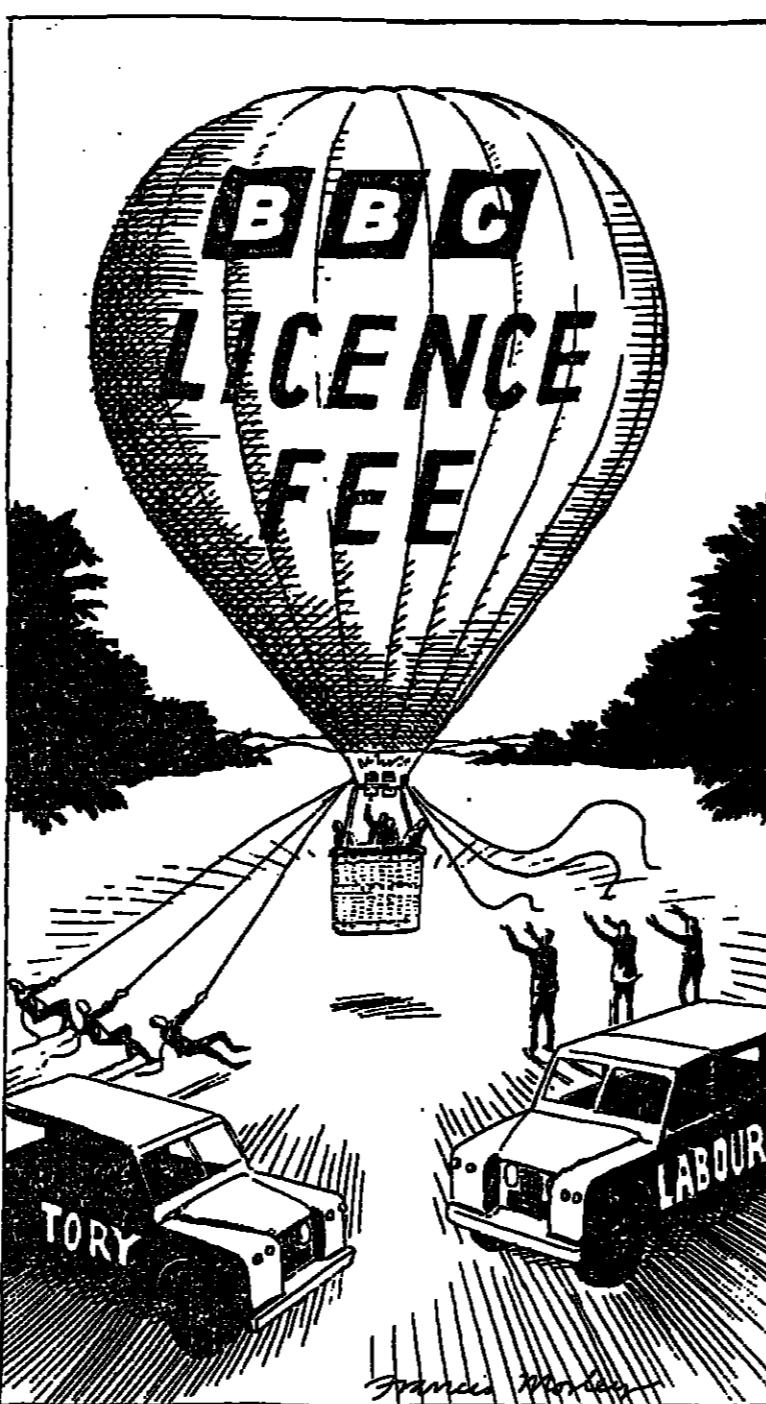
A recent report suggested that most people would be prepared to pay adequately to subscribe to all BBC services, but the idea of demanding that all households

wishing to retain BBC programmes should pay for a decoder and then face an annual charge considerably higher than the licence fee would hardly look like a vote-winner in what might be an election year.

This leaves the acceptance of advertising by the BBC as the only relatively painless alternative. Of course, it would swell the columns of newspaper letters pages with contributions from the usual collection of bishops, ITV executives and cultural pundits bemoaning the rape of the BBC, but while this might worry civil servants in the Athenaeum, it would not be electorally damaging.

But if this decision left a Conservative government unscathed and benefited advertisers greatly, it would devastate the Channel 3 contractors. There is little doubt that a great deal of advertisers' money would pour into the BBC, and most of it would come from Channel 3, leaving the com-

It may finish with the field left open for cowboys with more borrowed money and optimism than sense



panies in no position to maintain the programme standards they promised the Independent Television Commission while still paying large sums annually to the Treasury, based on an optimistic bid made five years earlier.

If potential bidders for a Channel 3 franchise were cautious and sophisticated people, the obviously high-risk element over the ten-year franchise would presumably make them moderate the amount of money they were prepared to offer. It should also cause them to consider carefully the effects of depressed advertising and revenue on different types of franchise. Up to

now, when southeast contractors caught a cold, the rest of the network showed symptoms of pneumonia.

It may well finish, as in Australia, with the field left open for passing cowboys with more borrowed money and optimism than sense, who are ready to take a large gamble for the pleasure of owning a regional television franchise. If that happens, such people may well find, again as in Australia, that a winning bid proves to be less a ticket to Easy Street than to Carey Street.

• The author is a media consultant.

The reason for this paradox is the

from Channel 3, leaving the com-

'Grazing' on the Greener Radio 4

The man with the most difficult job in broadcasting is juggling with listeners' loyalty

about lunchtime and dropping off again at 2pm when, for the first time in the day, the numbers watching television throughout the country overtake those listening to radio. There are some modest later highs for Radio 4, including *The Archers* at 7.05pm, which has 750,000 listeners. But generally it throws in the towel to television in the mid-evening, when it appears satisfied with audiences of 200,000 for repeat programmes, before picking up again slightly as the nation goes to bed.

Hang on, cautions Mr Green, aged 49, who has been controller since April 1986. It is not clear that Radio 4's audience is so loyal. Research shows that Radio 4 listeners are "the most promiscuous" on the dial. Increasing numbers are under-35s who dip in and out of the network. "They hop around the place," says Mr Green, and they do this more regularly than the most ardent Radio 1 pop-picker. He likes to think this "grazing" — to borrow a phrase from television — reflects Radio 4 listeners' curiosity. "You have to work harder to win their loyalty," he says.

However, he is not so ostrich-like as to deny the strong attachment his network breeds. "There's nothing neutral about listening to radio," he says. "People talk about being a Radio 4 listener, never a BBC viewer. That's a tremendous bonus for anyone running a radio service."

This apparent paradox makes the job of Radio 4 controller the most difficult in British broadcasting. Fine tuning the schedules is necessary, if only to stimulate the creative juices of the network's main asset, its employees. But the incumbent has to avoid anything that smacks of an overhaul. Otherwise, as Mr Green admits, "people become quite upset".

He has a sound feel for Radio 4's strengths and weaknesses both internally and in relation to its varied external competition. Up to half its four million daily listeners tune into the network's flagship early-morning news programme, *Today*. The audience grows steadily in the mid-morning, before climbing

Michael Green: his ambition is to give Radio 4 "a sharper, more contemporary feel"

THE new *Woman's Hour* will be introduced next September, when Radio 4 follows the other BBC networks and puts its main output on to FM. On long wave it will become "an events network", centred on the broadcasting of Parliament. Mr Green says he has not yet decided whether to keep the title *Woman's Hour*. His four female department heads feel it is dated. A decision will be made before Christmas. However, he is adamant that the content and presenters will remain the same.

Mr Green's juggling efforts reflect his awareness that competition now comes from independent radio as well as television. He expects there to be a commercial national speech network within two years. How it will take on his network, which gobbles up £67 million of taxpayers' money a year, remains to be seen.

The natural term of a BBC radio controller is about six years. By that counting, Mr Green has two to go. Some people see him as a future director-general. When the summary is made, he wants to have "refreshed" the network, introduced new ideas and new voices to give it "a sharper, more contemporary feel". Above all, he hopes that it now "sounds part of its time".

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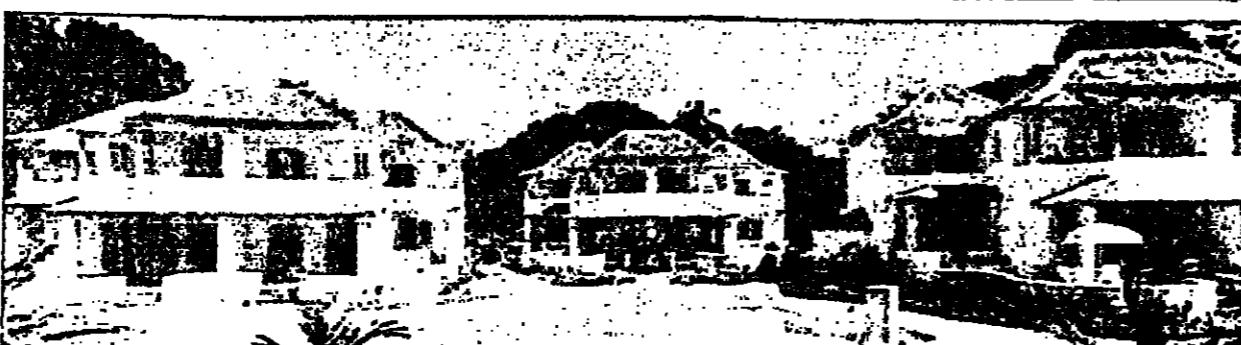
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Poolside Emerald Beach villas (above) near Gibbs Bay, Barbados and (top) villas with pools being built at Isles Bay, Montserrat

Long-haul tourism, particularly to the Caribbean, has been prospering. Daily direct flights to Antigua and Barbados mean that investment in leisure property is well under way. Buyers are attracted by long rental seasons, reasonable purchase prices and the fact that English is spoken.

A 12-minute hop from Antigua by a new charter airline, Montserrat Airways, is the tiny island of Montserrat, which has almost completely recovered from Hurricane Hugo's devastation last year. The island, still a colony with a British legal and administrative system, was a haven from religious persecution during the 15th and 16th centuries, particularly for Roman Catholics, attracting many Irish emigrants from other Caribbean islands.

Today Montserrat, with its population of 12,000, attracts 50,000 visitors annually and has a substantial expatriate population. One British company, Isles Developments, under the auspices of John Renton, an architect, is building 25 large houses and 26 villas on 27 gently sloping acres that adjoin the 11-hole golf course

running down to Isles Bay, after which the scheme, Isles Bay Plantation, is named.

Three plantation houses are almost finished and a show house is complete. There are several designs but all have a large living area and two or three bedrooms on the ground floor. The kitchens are fully equipped. Every house has a 40ft swimming pool and the option of a guest suite which can be built at garden level. Four houses have been sold, and the remainder cost from £20,000 to £284,000.

Barbados, by contrast, is soph-

isticated, well-established as a tourist centre, attracting about 500,000 visitors a year. An east-coast strip includes Sandy Bay, St James and Gibbs Bay. Properties are owned by, among others, Robert Sangster and some of the Guinness family, and interspersed with first-class hotels, including the Coral Reef Club and Cobbler's Cove.

Alleyne, Aguilar & Altman, local agents, have 12 beachside homes for sale and a selection set

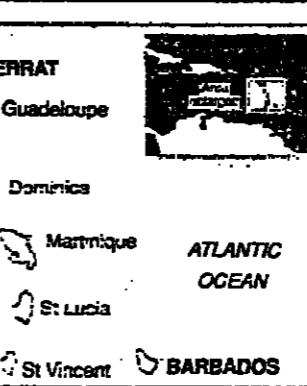
around the 18-hole Sandy Lane golf course. Paul Altman discerns a trend away from the big individual villa towards small cluster villa schemes with communal gardens and swimming pool, where rental income is high, giving usually an 8 per cent net annual return on the value of the property.

The company is selling, through its UK representative, Galiza & Co, three of the six three-bedroom semi-detached villas at Emerald

Beach, grouped around a pool and gardens that lead directly to the white, sandy beach of Gibbs Bay, a mile south of Speightstown. Wooden balconies and covered terraces lead off all main rooms and local cream coral stone and grey pine predominate.

The price is £265,000 each, with a total furnishing package costing a further £27,500. Alleyne, Aguilar & Altman will organise all management and letting details.

A mile or so further south, at a



similar scheme, Merlin Bay, a three-bedroom, two-year-old detached villa, is for sale, fully furnished, for £345,000.

Scobie Bresley, the former British jockey, who became a trainer in Barbados, is offering his beach-front villa at St James at £616,000. The three-bedroom property, which was built 15 years ago, stands in half an acre. Some beautiful villas are for resale around the golf course at between £350,000 and £2 million.

Antigua has what must surely be one of the most dramatic sights of the Caribbean — the far-reaching

views of English Harbour and Falmouth Bay from the historic fortifications of Shirley Heights.

Peter de Savary, a sailor of more recent vintage, pioneered the leisure estate during the Eighties by developing the St James's Club with detached villas around a hotel, as well as a marina.

Northwest of the island, at Dickenson Bay, a small scheme of 13 villas and apartments, all overlooking a pool, with a bar and reception area, is being built on a one-acre hillside site a few minutes walk from the Halcyon Cove Hotel.

Rental returns on the apartments should be high because the developers are negotiating terms with tour operators. The courtyard scheme has a show house and landscaped gardens and the whole project will be completed by next autumn.

Three two- or three-bedroom villas are completed and two are available at £130,000. The ground floor is well-designed with a double living area. The two double bedrooms, each with a bathroom, on the first floor, are spacious, but entry to the second bedroom is possible only via the main bedroom. The one-bedroom apartments are priced at £77,000 and a complete furnishing package to rental standard is available for £8,000.

Most new homes being built on Montserrat, Barbados and Antigua are being sold in the form of an offshore company, which means buyers must obtain legal and financial advice before a commitment to buy is made.

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On the road to new land deals

The M25 motorway is better known for its traffic jams than as a means of communication by which business and industry can expand to new locations, but it has been an important artery for the property market in its search for new opportunities.

In a survey of the business space market of the M25 development corridor, Knight Frank Kolpon Research, the research arm of Knight Frank & Riley, concentrates on the southern half, from Staines in the west to Dartford in the east, having studied the northern sector earlier in the year. The research finds that the expansion of the market in the south has not been as pronounced as in the north.

This has been largely because of a more restrictive planning environment. Although the planning authorities have relaxed previously imposed local user restrictions, planning is still geared to favour local employers. Many potential development sites in the southern corridor also fall foul of the rigid enforcement of green belt policies.

Knight Frank Kolpon estimates that there are plans to develop about 23 million sq ft of office and mixed-use space in the south, compared with only 13 million in 1984, representing an 85 per cent

The M25 could be a key to business growth, Christopher Warman reports

increase in the level of potential supply in the past five years.

Much of this is contained in long-term proposals. Little space is now being built on, mainly because of difficulties in getting planning permission and development funding.

After the peak in the development boom of the late Eighties, the annual amount of building finished will fall from 4.1 million sq ft in 1990 to about 2.1 million in 1991.

As in the northern corridor, development in the south is concentrated in the western districts, which account for 70 per cent of the space under construction and 65 per cent of the space not developed but with planning permission.

The towns in the southwest quadrant benefit from larger and longer established markets and their proximity to Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

The southeast quadrant has suffered from a lack of main centres and from relatively poor communications, but the area's profile will rise with the building of the Dartford road

and the proposed extension to the M25.

It is in the direction of Dartford that the most significant developments will come about.

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How to rein in the runaway horse of racing

Lord Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, last night spoke at the Gimcrack dinner at York of the problems facing the racing industry as recession bites. These are extracts from his speech

Racing is no newcomer to problems. Jack Leach, who was riding winners in the Twenties, wrote: "If there is any industry involving millions of pounds and thousands of men in which everything is all right, it ought to be stabled and put on exhibition."

As much as I would like to, I cannot set out for you this evening a master plan guaranteed to solve all the perceived problems. Life is not like that, and it becomes particularly complicated in an industry with so many component parts who often assess their objectives and priorities quite differently. However, although I cannot offer you a magic formula, a great deal of hard thinking and a great deal of hard work have been taking place.

It is not surprising that racing is finding the going rough at the moment when seen in the light of the wider economic difficulties being experienced throughout the whole country. Racing is not and cannot be immune to the effects of a recession. Those who expect

that we have some peculiar right to be excluded from the difficulties which beset the rest are excluding themselves.

After all, racing in whatever form, be it owning, attending or betting, is largely reliant on the leisure pound and that is the first to come under pressure in a recession. I think it is wrong to suggest that our ills could be cured by one gigantic review of the whole racing industry, as if by spending a third of a million pounds of scarce resources on such an exercise, a door, which none of us had seen before, would suddenly be opened and we would all be ushered into a bright new future. I do not believe it.

It is necessary for all of us involved with racing to decide what sort of industry we want. Solving problems is about taking hard-headed practical decisions and implementing courses of action based on consultation and working knowledge and experience of the issues involved.

The options available are being, or will be, assessed and some of them, may be unpalatable.

I now want to give you a broad idea of what [our] plans are. First, the [Horse] Levy Board holds its annual strategy meeting next February and must balance its books. Our message to the board will be clear. In essence, we believe that it is wrong to spread the levy ever more thinly. Priorities must be assessed and the income must be concentrated on



Hartington: no magic formula

those aspects of racing which are agreed as being essential.

The total Levy Board contribution to prize-money must remain intact and a reduction or delay in loan commitments to racecourses must be made to balance the books.

If, in the months to come, as many people fear, there is a significant downturn in the number of horses in training, then we must position ourselves for sterner measures. To this end, the stewards have asked the race planning committee to produce options on how the fixture list might be reduced from its present levels.

Second, we remain convinced that racing does not receive a proper return for its product off-

course. However, we also accept that the product is capable of improvement, and certain proposals for making it more attractive, and thereby increasing betting turnover, have been identified. We will therefore be seeking to obtain a reasonable reward for these enhancements.

The bookmakers are not immune to recession and some of them will no doubt wish to protest their inability to pay, but this will not deter us from exploring ways in which they can contribute more — not necessarily through the mechanism of the levy alone. There have to be ways in which racing can share more equitably in the rewards which can come from a unified push to increase betting turnover.

Third, we shall continue our regular contact with the Home Office and hold briefing sessions for politicians and civil servants to explain racing's difficulties. In addition, we will be ready to give evidence to the home affairs select committee next year when we will deliver our views on all aspects related to the levy, the Tote and Sunday racing.

Fourth, the Jockey Club's race planning committee is now working with the Tote and Bots (the Betting Offices Licences' Association) on the Tote's proposed weekly national pool bet to ensure suitable, attractive races will be selected to give the project the best possible chance of success.

It was recognised by many

LORD Hartington commented on the Aga Khan's decision last week to withdraw his 90 horses in training in Britain after Aliysa had been disqualified in the 1989 Oaks, in which she had been first past the post.

"Last week you will have read a lucid explanation of the defense, followed by the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory's forthright answer. The Jockey Club took account of all the evidence before

speakers at the Sandown conference that an expanded Tote could provide a substantial return to racing. We are all therefore, delighted with the Tote board's announcement that it is joining with the bookmakers to develop a £1 million weekly pool and that it will be in operation ten months after agreement is reached.

Let us hope that this planning process is quickly concluded, so that the bet will be in place early in 1992 before we face possible competition from European lotteries. It has also been suggested that the equipment installed by bookmakers to operate this bet might be used by them to take other Tote bets during the rest of the week.

Fifth, we shall continue to press the Home Office for a decision on the future of the Tote.

Sixth, and most significantly, the contacts we have worked hard to establish with the government have led to an invitation to the Jockey Club to present racing's

making its judgment, and in this case had the benefit not only of Queen's Counsel as a legal assessor, but also a Swiss scientist of high international reputation as its scientific assessor.

"The decision was not reached lightly, but only after the most thorough enquiry ever seen in this country. I regret that the Aga Khan felt it necessary to remove his horses, and I hope we will see them back again in due course."

In addition to these particular courses of action, I urge everyone involved in racing to use their energy and imagination to join with us to attract more investment into racing, whether it be through new owners, more racegoers, increased betting opportunities or further sponsorship. There has been a lot of talk about self-help — let us mean it and let us make it work.

I am not diminishing the difficulties we face, but neither do I wish to talk racing further into a crisis.

Let me conclude my remarks on racing's finances by emphasising that the opportunities for racing to increase its income are restricted to certain specific areas, and I would like to remind you which they are: a revision of the levy mechanism; an improved return from the off-course betting industry, including an expanded Tote; a reduction in off-course betting duty which would be returned to racing; and self-help, to include promotion, sponsorship, copyright, etc.

Dismayed Gooch unable to prevent a demoralised England losing by seven wickets

Twelve turn shrine of Bradman into extended purgatory

From ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, BOWRAL

TO OTHER teams at other times, a social game in Bradman country might have proved an enjoyably evocative diversion on a long and demanding tour. To England, yesterday, it was an unwelcome extension of purgatory.

In their present, parlous state, England have no option but to approach every game with the utmost seriousness and there was no mistaking their commitment to beating a team without a single current Test player. That they failed even to come close cannot be excused by issues of fortune or fitness and, honourably, England's leadership did not try. They told it as it is, which made for grim listening.

In the charming town where Bradman grew up, and on the ground where he learned his cricket and later made his name with 234 in a day against Bill O'Reilly's neighbouring club, England did neither themselves nor the gala occasion any justice in losing, overwhelmingly, by seven wickets.

One can only imagine the lather which was worked up behind a firmly closed dressing-room door at close of play, although the drawn faces of the players as they filed away gave every possible clue to the tone of Graham Gooch's words. In his present mood, the England captain is not one to ponder to sensitivities.

Lord Shefford's team were the visitors and they included W. G. Grace. The good doctor took a long time making 46 but he undoubtedly earned his hefty appearance fee since the local side failed to reach 80 in either innings — and that despite fielding 22 against the English side's 11.

Gooch's England only went so far as to request a 12-a-side game so that the captain could be accommodated. Request granted, Gooch then surprised everyone by fielding as well as batting, although his efforts with the bat were brief and plainly found it a shock.

Gooch's post-match comments drew attention to the fact that the resolution of certain England players was again not all it ought to have been under pressure. "When

you are not playing well," he said, "the heads have got to stay up, because only then can you hope to turn things around."

It has not escaped Gooch that England have been trying to do this ever since he entered hospital early last month and, far from making progress, they are now noticeably deteriorating. Darren Lehmann, widely publicised as the next generation's Bradman, had looked relatively ordinary in his previous innings against the touring side but yesterday, against some dispirited bowling and slipshod fielding, he played like a millionaire.

Lehmann's century, and an equally impressive fifty from the gifted Michael Bevan, brought this match to a premature end with 7.5 overs unused, but for England it could not end soon enough. By then, they were at odds with themselves to such a grumpy degree that the atmosphere of the day had long since been sacrificed.

The Don himself could not, sadly, be present but his deeds were omnipresent around the packed and picturesque little ground which is being turned into a shrine to his greatness, the Graceland of cricket nostalgia.

Inside a special marquee one could read the story of the last English side to play at the town 99 years ago.

Total (7 wks) _____
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-16, 3-99, 4-175, 5-18, 6-210, 7-244.
BOWLING: Bicknell 11-2-402; Adam 8-312, Waters 3-15-6, Curry 9-3-34, Tucker 11-0-561, Gerhardi 5-29-21, Bevan 3-0-26-0.

Total (7 wks) _____
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 3-5, 4-111, Bicknell 9-0-35-2; Adam 9-3-5-2; Curly 9-3-17; Waters 10-1-45-0 (nb 1); Edwards 12-0-2-1; Tucker 2-0-1-1, Adamson 8-0-26-1.

Umpires: D B Hall and S Thomas.

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Tomba slaps slalom poles aside as he sweeps to victory

From BRIAN JAMES IN SESTRIERE

OUT of the sort of dramatic muck from which Sexton Blake would clatter in a hansom cab, Alberto Tomba emerged to win the first World Cup slalom of this European season with a performance extravagant even by his lurid standards.

On a awful day, thousands, who beam on Tomba the affection most Italians save for footballers and fast cars, had strung themselves along the fences up the course, to be heard rather than to see. Only a handful, peering hard, had seen his sprawling mis-take at one of the earliest of the 73 gates of the morning run. But knowledge of his time preceded him and his progress to the finish was marked by low moaning as of distant and discontinued cattle.

Tomba, using last year's skis because heavy snow had prevented him testing their replacements, finished the first run in third place, precisely a second behind the brilliant young Norwegian, Ole-Christian Furuseth. At this level that was an impossible handicap. Except for the very boldest.

On the new skis, Tomba came down for the second run in a mood to win or perish. The new sound of the crowd was that of bells, hurrahs and bravos. Yet still what remains

ings", a man content with his command of his subjects.

The truth of the observation "the right man, in the wrong bit of the sport" was evident. Skiing needs men of such presence, but it needs them in the high-profile discipline of the downhill. To say that watching slalom after watching downhill is like switching from roller-ball to crown-globe bowls, exaggerates. But the lack of that friction of fear when watching men at speed is also evident.

There is hope of seeing Tomba putting a little of that powerful frame and vivid lifestyle at risk in the future. Not in downhill, that is still forbidden by his formidable mother/manager. But in his victory speech yesterday Tomba spoke of post-Christmas plans to extend his racing, with Mamas's permission, into more super-giant slaloms, the half-way house event, in which near-downhill speeds are reached over a shorter, less-steep course. His courage, after yesterday, is not in doubt.

Tomba's standing on the hill where in 1985 he won his first World Cup race, and thereby ceased being a clown figure of the circus, as the son of a millionaire whose dilettante attitude played no little part in an absurd record of 15 failures to finish in his first 18 races, is towering.

He is seen as something between a Gazzetta and a god-father; watching him enter a restaurant one race-eve was memorable. Some rose, many applauded, all smiled. Tomba passed among the tables murmur-mururing polite "good eve-

RESULTS: 1, A. Tomba (It) 2min 7.11sec; 2, O.C. Furuseth (Nor) 2min 7.52sec; 3, N. Norén (Aust) 2min 8.4sec; 4, M. Grankvist (Swe) 2min 8.7sec; 5, A. Bitter (Ger) 2min 8.7sec; 6, T. Hafjell (Nor) 2min 10.11sec; 7, C. Hafjell (Nor) 2min 10.5sec; 8, J. Kuit (Neth) 2min 10.6sec; 9, G. Giesen (Aust) 2min 10.81sec; 10, K. Lodenauer (Aust) 2min 11.2sec. Leading overall: World Cup 47, Tomba 2; F. Picardi (It) 42; 3, A. Hämäläinen (Swe); 4, O.C. Furuseth (Nor); 5, S. Roth; 34; 6, Kjetil S. Roth; 34; 6, Kjetil S.

SNOOKER

Confident start by Reynolds

By STEVE ACTON

DEAN Reynolds said, after beating Neal Foulds 9-2 in the opening round of the Coalite world matchplay, that he was depressed about winning only one title since turning professional in 1981.

The world No. 8 was making a fair tilt at this title last night, however, after more than holding his own against the world champion, Stephen Hendry, to be level 4-4 at the main interval, with a further nine scheduled frames to play.

Reynolds, who beat Steve Davis in this event last year after losing 10-0 on their previous meeting, made a flying start yesterday. He had a clearance of 101 in the opening frame and a break of 102 in the fourth and a 3-1 lead.

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The world No. 8 was leading 4-3, but uncharacteristic mistakes handed the eighth frame and psychological advantage to Reynolds.

The resolute Terry Griffiths, having been 5-1 down to Steve James in the opening round on Monday, recovered from 4-0 down to beat John Parrott, the world No. 3, 9-5. He meets the defending champion, Jimmy White, in today's first semi-final.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: D. Reynolds (Eng) level 9-2; N. Foulds (Eng); 4-2. Hendry's late result: T. Griffiths (Wales) 5-4 P. Parrott (Eng). TODAY: First semi-final (best of 17 frames): 10.30am, 7.00pm; J. White (Eng) v T. Griffiths (Wales).

BOXING

Comeback contest vital for Mason

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

GARY Mason, the British heavyweight champion, could surprise the world when he meets Mike Tyson in June, either by putting up a much better fight than most people expect from him, or by doing a James "Buster" Douglas on the former world champion.

That was the view of Mickey Duff, Mason's manager, after seeing Tyson dispose of Alex Stewart in two minutes 37 seconds in Atlantic City last Saturday. Duff was not impressed by Tyson's reliance on brute force rather than boxing. Duff believes his man would be smarter than Stewart.

"Gary takes a good shot and has a good jab. He would get into the ring with a different attitude like Douglas. Duff said yesterday. According to him, Mason fears one and will have no problem beating Lennox Lewis, the European champion.

"If Mason can't beat Lennox Lewis he has no business getting in with Tyson," Duff said. "But I don't think Lewis will fight him. They [Lewis's people] are wanting to put off the fight until June. Barry Hearn rang me asking whether I would wait until then, as the contest would make more money at an open-air venue but I will insist on six rounds."

Pritchard has never been off his feet. If Mason can floor him it will be a sure sign that weight loss has done him a world of good.

The career of Lennox Lewis is in no danger of being interrupted because of reports of financial problems facing Roger Lewis who is behind the European champion, and the Levitt Group. Frank Malone, Lewis's manager, said yesterday that Lewis would be still challenging Mason in the new year.

Mason, 31, can't say much but Roger Lewis says that at present my position is safe and also Lewis's career.

BASKETBALL

Manchester opt out of invitation tournament

FEW of the world invitation club championship events at Crystal Palace take place without withdrawals. (Nicholas Hartling, Paris) and Giants have started the ball rolling this year by dropping out three weeks before the fourteenth annual tournament starts.

It was simply a case of money," Jeff Jones, the Manchester coach, said. "It was going to cost too much."

The absence of Manchester makes a nonsense of the pre-season WICB qualifying tour-

nament at Bracknell, which they won. Thames Valley Tigers, the second-placed team, also qualified but they will be joined by three English clubs who did not compete: Leicester, Sunderland and, now, Worthing.

Worthing will take Manches-

ter's place. To accommodate them, the tournament will start a day earlier, on December 28.

DRAW: Worthing or Ontario (Can); U.S. Amateur Radiators (Usa); Sweden or Austria-Venice-23 and San Clemente (Ita); Triton Veneza (Venezuela); Vipac Jerusalem; Leicester or Hartlepool (Neth) v Bayreuth (Ger).

Second round replay: Northampton v Barnet (7.45)....

Rumbelows Cup: Second round replay: Derby v Sheffield Weds....

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

NFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: South Liverpool v Marine.

LARCHMONT WINDSOR CUP: Second round: Larchmont (N.Y.) v Windsor (Conn) (7.30pm, 10pm).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: (7.10 unless stated): Huddersfield v Leeds (7.50pm); Manchester Utd v Rotherham; Newcastle v Manchester City; Nottingham Forest v Coventry; Birmingham v Aston Villa; Second division: Barnsley v Bradford; Grimsby v Blackpool; Middlesbrough v Port Vale; v Mansfield; Wigton v Scunthorpe; v Chesterfield; v Bromwich.

ONDEN PAPERIE CHAMPIONSHIP: Fulham v Sweden (7.05pm); Rotherham v Luton (7.05pm); West Ham v Ipswich (7.05pm); BEAVER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Bury v Darlington; Hartlepool v Accrington; Jarrow (7.45pm); Teesside (7.45pm); Darlington (7.45pm); Salford (7.45pm); GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome v Weston-super-Mare; Saltash v Bodmin.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: London Cup: First round: Cheshunt v Enfield; Locust Tree (7.45pm); Hempon v Epsom and Ewell; Samson Wadden v Royston; Tring v Watford.

SECOND round replay: Northampton v Barnet (7.45pm)....

Rumbelows Cup: Preliminary round replay: Derby v Sheffield Weds....

Zenith Data Systems Cup: Second round: Chester v Swindon; Oxford Utd v Portsmouth; Wimbledon v Ipswich (7.45pm); B and Q Scottish League: First division: Forfar v Falkirk....

CRICKET MATCH: Sudbury v Blackheath.

RUGBY UNION: Preliminary Cup: London Welsh v Rotherham.

RUGBY LEAGUE: REGAL TROPHY: Second round: Doncaster v Rochdale (7.45pm).

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Table football effect at the headquarters of rugby union

HUGH RUTLEDGE



Viewed from afar: the playing area at Twickenham as seen at yesterday's University match from the top tier of the new North Stand

North Stand opens at Twickenham

By PETER BILLIS

TWICKENHAM'S £16 million, 15,000-capacity North Stand was used for the first time at yesterday's University match.

Having ascended 463 steps to the tower of Florence Cathedral last week, I found the going not too difficult.

Simon Curtis, a publicity executive with Save and Prosper, was less fortunate: "We went up the wrong staircase to start with and had to go back and start again." He thought the climb was worth the effort, but he bemoaned the lack of a scoreboard at the far end of the ground.

The view from the North Stand is formidable. Richmond town centre is away to the left and one seems to be on nodding terms with pilots of the jets queuing for Heathrow; in fact, you probably have a better chance of making out the facial expressions of the pilots than those of the players far below.

The panorama is excellent, but there is little chance to study the finer points of the game.

Andy MacLeod, a London solicitor, said: "My contacts here are a bit fuzzy today. Did Oxford score that try?" He felt the distance was a disadvantage, but he still preferred it to craning his neck on the old North Terrace for a glimpse of the action.

An acre in Middlesex, said Lord Macaulay in the nineteenth century, is better than a principality in Utopia. But

what would dear old Billy Williams, who advised the Rugby Football Union in 1908 to find the £5,572 12 shillings and sixpence required to purchase 10½ acres of Middlesex as a site for the national ground, have thought of this strange, flat-topped concrete structure? Seats at those first Twickenham internationals in 1910 cost 4 shillings (mine was £1 yesterday) with early capacity at 26,000.

TENNIS

Sampras in stern struggle

MUNICH (Reuters) — The US Open champion, Pete Sampras, who has still not fully recovered from a shin injury, had to fight hard to win his first round match in the inaugural Grand Slam Cup here yesterday.

Sampras needed two hours 19 minutes to get past his Soviet opponent, Andrei Chernikov, by 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 to set up a quarter-final match against the fifth seed, Goran Ivanisevic, of Yugoslavia.

The win guaranteed Sampras, aged 19, at least \$300,000 (£155,000) in prize-money from this tournament created by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) as a play-off for the best performers from the year's four grand slam events.

The likes of Americans, who will add another \$150,000 if he can Ivanisevic later this week, can make money from two matches than the \$350,000 he received when he became the youngest US Open champion.

"I wasn't hitting my ground strokes very well," Sampras said, adding that he was still upset over the loss of his coach, Joe Brandi, who has decided to spend more time with his family.

The tournament, boycotted by several leading players who feel it is an attempt to upset last month's world champion, got off to a dull start with Ivanisevic and Kevin Curren, quarter-final opponents at Wimbledon this year, pounding away from the baseline for an hour and 51 minutes.

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COUNTIES IN CONFLICT

LANCASHIRE and North Midland's locked in a fixture wrangle at their postponed ADT county championship match.

Orrell Park, Saturday, was postponed because of snow, North Midland refused to play the game last night and now claim to be surprised that Lancashire have announced it will take place next Tuesday.

"We have agreed to nothing," Peter Grace, the chairman of the North Midlands selectors, said.

"If you play a game at Orrell Park at night in midweek it means players have got to take

Woodsman takes a different approach for charity



Water hazard: Ian Woosnam chances his arm in Hong Kong yesterday in an attempt to land a hole-in-one by teeing off from a barge in Victoria Harbour on to another barge 100 yards away. Players were given three shots each in an attempt to win a Jaguar car to be auctioned for charity. None succeeded

Onetime England B international is reunited with his former colleague

Colchester's defence to be reinforced by Elliott for Cup

By LOUISE TAYLOR

AS THE England B squad wends its way home from Algeria, a former B international will make a televised debut for Colchester United at home to Leyton Orient tonight.

Shaun Elliott, the former Sunderland and Blackpool central defender, has rejoined Ian Atkins, the manager of the GM Vauxhall Conference side and formerly his fellow centre half at Roker Park, in time to face the BSKB cameras in the delayed FA Cup second round tie at Layer Road. The winners are at home to Swindon Town in the third round.

A day out in the Potters at Port Vale is the prize awaiting the winners of the tie between Wycombe Wanderers and Peterborough United. The GM Vauxhall Conference team, which is at home tonight, hope to have John Granville, their Trinidadian international goalkeeper, back

in the side. He faces a late fitness test on a grain strain. John Stapleton, a midfield player, also hopes to return after injury. "It is a great draw for Port Vale, but uninspiring for us. We could have done with Arsenal," Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, said.

John Fender, the Barnsley central defender, has a hamstring injury and faces a fitness test before the home tie with Stoke City, while Ray Deakin, the left back, is also doubtful with influenza. Accordingly Frank Casper, the Burnley manager, adds Ian Bray and Roger Eliot to the squad.

Casper said: "The reward for getting through this one is a dream home draw against Manchester City. The whole place is bubbling at the moment."

The northeast coast is the venue for an all non-League second round tie between Whitby Bay and Barrow. The hosts could be without Barker, their leading goalscorer with 13, who has a knee ligament injury. Should he fail a fitness test, either O'Mani or Eagling will deputise.

The HFS Loans League club, Leek, take on Chester City at home knowing that their reward for victory would be a visit from Bournemouth.

Tony Rogers, the Leek chairman, yesterday dispatched his entire work-force to the ground to clear six inches of snow. Rogers sent two lorries, two diggers, and his 20-strong staff to work on the pitch and terracing. "They have done a fantastic job," Alec Rowley, the club secretary, said.

While these matches are all

second round ties postponed due to snowy weather, Barnet and Northampton Town, who are riding high in the fourth division, are replaying at the County Ground. Andrew Clarke, Roger Willis, Paul Richardson, and Wayne Turner all face fitness tests for the team from the GM Vauxhall Conference. The winners will play Portsmouth at home in January.

Derby County entertain Sheffield Wednesday in a fourth round Rumbelows League Cup replay after the sides drew 0-0 at Hillsborough. The winners will face a quarter-final tie at Coventry.

Blackpool banking on Tottenham Hotspur

By MARTIN SEARBY

WHETHER the game is played at Bloomfield Road, Maine Road, Manchester, or even White Hart Lane, as was suggested possible yesterday, Blackpool's bank balance will swell enormously when they meet Tottenham Hotspur in the third round of the FA Cup.

Blackpool are to hold talks with safety officials to see if the game can go ahead at Bloomfield Road, but the ground has yet to meet the guidelines of the Ground Safety Act, and it is possible that the police will set a crowd limit of 10,000.

But while the club's accountants are enthusiastic, Billy Ayre, the former schoolteacher who was appointed manager only a fortnight ago, sees the prospect with a sense of *déjà vu*.

He was at Halifax when they met Tottenham in what was then the Milk Cup in 1984, and the two-legged tie still haunts him.

"They beat us 5-1 at The Star and 4-0 at White Hart Lane with a team of very good players like Ray Clemence, Garth Crooks, Steve Perryman, Mark Falco and Gary McAllister," he said.

He added: "I have a chance and I have watched them since." He said: "I shall have to now, to look at the set pieces in particular, but I would have thought this team is much better."

"How do you defend against players like Clemence and Crooks? We are a very fit team and always finish strongly, but the problem is clearly going to be how to get the ball off them. But that's in the future."

Blackpool are a good footballing side and Ayre is particularly pleased that youngsters such as Rodwell, a wide-side player, and Sinclair, on the opposite flank, will enjoy the spotlight.

Barcelona to lose top scorer for next two months

By LOUISE TAYLOR

BARCELONA'S Bulgarian forward, Kristo Stoichkov, has been banned for two months for stamping on the referee's foot after being sent off in last week's first leg of the Spanish Supercup final against Real Madrid.

Stoichkov, the club's leading scorer, has also been suspended for two games for persistent dissent, the offence for which he was sent off.

The Barcelona coach, Johan Cruyff, was suspended for one match after he, too, was shown a red card for over-zealous protests in last Wednesday's match, which Real Madrid won 1-0.

Cruyff has already served his one-match suspension by missing last weekend's league game against Real Zaragoza.

Spain's Sports Committee judge also fined Stoichkov more than 70,000 pesetas (about £3,700) for his "aggressive and violent attitude" and Barcelona were fined just over £500, because supporters hurled missiles onto the pitch at the end of the game. The return leg is being played on December 15 at Bernabeu stadium and officials of both clubs have called for a clean, sporting game.

Lothar Matthäus and Rudi Voeller struck three goals for Roma when they beat Bordeaux 5-0 in the first leg of their tie, a result which makes today's game no more than a formality.

The remaining Bundesliga teams have an uphill task after some poor first-leg results. Borussia Dortmund look the most likely to achieve a quarter-final place for they are only 1-0 down to Anderlecht after the game in Berlin. Cologne, Uefa Cup finalists in 1986, must score in Italy against Atalanta after drawing their home leg 1-1.

One Italian casualty may be Bologna, beaten 3-0 by Admira Wacker in Austria.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Monday's late results

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First day: Luton City 0, Stevenage 0. Postponed: Aston Villa v Blackburn.

BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: Hyde 3, Fleetwood 2.

ENGLAND SCHOOLS UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Canterbury 3, Bedfordshire 4.

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GOLF

Schedule for 1991 offers optimism in a tough climate

By PATRICIA DAVIES

IN A climate of cutbacks and criticism, the provisional schedule for 1991 produced by Joe Flanagan, the executive director of the Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour, has a modestly buoyant look to it.

There is one more event than the 21 of this season, a tally that includes the Benson and Hedges Trophy, a mixed event, but does not count the dreaded TBAs (to be announced). There are signs of what may blossom into fully-fledged tournaments. Prize money has risen to more than £1 million and Flanagan is striving to follow the doctrine of all successful tour bosses: keep them busy and make them prosperous.

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SPORT

Ill-fated fixture struck by a touch of farce

From STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
ALGIERS

Algeria.....0
England B.....0

ENGLAND, though they honourably held the champions of Africa here last night, were the victims of a silent, dark shambles of a controversial match. It featured the dismissal of Neil Webb, a floodlight failure, appalling weather and no goals.

Webb is the first Englishman to suffer such a fate in senior international since Ray Wilkins was sent off ago, minutes after Bryan Robson had dislocated his shoulder. If Wilkins was cruelly treated in 1986, Webb can scarcely be considered less unfortunate. His departure seemed symptomatic of the circumstances.

The trip was ill-fated from the start. The departure from Luton had to be postponed for 24 hours to allow all of the squad to travel through the blizzards. Then the journey to their first training session lasted almost an hour more than necessary because the coach driver lost his way.

Thunderstorms had cracked around Algiers throughout the abbreviated stay and torrential rain, which had drenched them during practice, fell intermittently during the main event. For all the stature of the occasion England might as well have been parading in a monument built in the middle of Hackney Marshes.

No more than a few hundred spectators, representing the lowest crowd to assemble for a senior England international, huddled beneath the awnings of the huge concrete edifice. One side lay open, inviting a fierce and cold wind to sweep in from the

hills overlooking the turbulent Mediterranean sea.

Considering all of the problems which had accompanied England, it seemed almost inevitable that the game itself, staged on a muddy quagmire of a pitch, would descend into a farce. Within five minutes it had. After a few dramatic flashes of lightning had illuminated the surrounds, the electricity in the arena failed.

Amid a glow akin to candlelight, the players occupied themselves with a nonchalant kick-about while they waited for normal service to be resumed. The stoppage lasted for 12 minutes before power was regenerated but that was by no means the end of the protracted and sorry saga.

England, a bunch of newcomers and former internationals, were beginning to settle into a recognisable rhythm and pattern when the theatricalities of the Algerians and the ludicrous interpretation of the referee pulled the affair down to a laughably low level. Manchester United's two representatives, though, were far from amused.

Robson, not surprisingly, looked like a player competing in his first genuine match for five months. His instincts remain fresh but his legs could not always take him over the clinging turf as quickly as he would have wished. It was his ill luck that his Algerian opponent on the right flank was the swiftest of the hosts.

England's captain was struggling to cope with the diminutive Rahim and he scarcely needed the Tunisian referee to accuse him of a foul which had clearly been committed instead by Burrows.

Robson, wrongly identified as the offender, was ignominiously booked but his surprise was not as deep as that of Webb, later also adjudged to be a miscreant.

Webb and the troublesome Rahim, after being engaged in

little more than a trivial scuffle, were both sent off five minutes before the interval. Neither the crime nor the event merited such drastic and unnecessary action.

England had been comfortably holding the Algerians. Martyn had no need to make a save before he was withdrawn during the interval and although Pallister had to carry out a hasty intervention in the opening minute, the defence was largely untroubled.

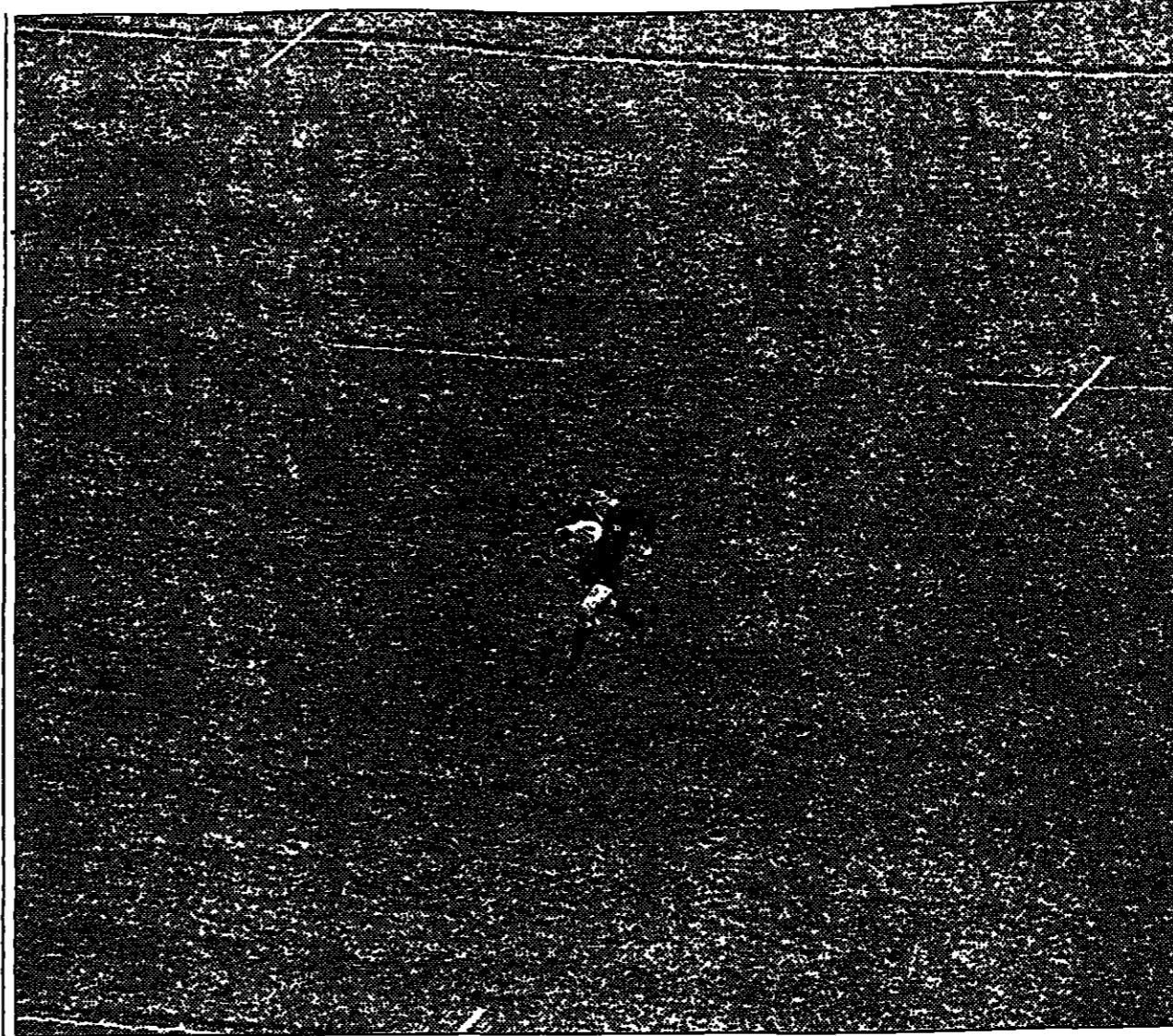
Mabbout, with Robson on his left and Pallister initially on his right, acted as the spare man. England, with three accurate passers operating at the back, attempted to build with purpose but many of their ideas sank in the mud.

Since the approach was studied and, at times, inevitably laborious, by the time a link was formed with Smith and Wright, the two forwards were tightly marked. England did fashion a few notable moves, invariably finished by Wright, while the contest was still meaningful.

No one looked out of place.

Clough, Geoff Thomas and Sterland, once they had grown accustomed to their roles, were particularly prominent during the interrupted first half. Once the sides had been reduced to ten men, various substitutes had been introduced and the rain had turned the pitch into a dark brown pond, all significance of the empty evening was more or less lost.

ALGERIA: Oussama (Steff), Bouziane (M O Constantine), Aissa (Steff), Mechichi (Chair), Belkacem (Ouss), Lekki (M C Algers), Smail (Paris Saint Germain), Djamel (St Etienne), Tarek (St Etienne), Ouardouzi (Sociedad), Rekhi (St Etienne); sub: J Laude, Leeds United; M Abdelli (Paris Saint Germain), D Burrows (Liverpool), H Webb (Manchester United), G McAdam (Tottenham Hotspur), G Pallister (Manchester United), R Keane (Leeds United), B Robson (Manchester United), I Clark (Nottingham Forest), A Smith (Arsenal), D Wallace (Manchester United), G Trotter (Crystal Palace), Q Thomas (Crystal Palace). Referee: N Jouni (Tunisia).



The American Eagle flies solo in the lonely wastes of Twickenham: Hein on his 60-metre swoop for the line

Dark Blue mark of Egan

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Oxford University.....21
Cambridge University.....12

SELDOM can a game have proved so powerful a vindication of one player. The 109th University rugby match at Twickenham yesterday will surely go down as Mark Egan's match as Oxford reclaimed the Bowring Bowl with a display of forward domination unexpected by all except, perhaps, themselves.

Victory by two goals, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal and two penalty goals justified Egan's principled stand since he was elected captain at the beginning of the year; he demanded commitment to Oxford rugby and he received it.

More than that, success ended the period of introspection through which the Oxford club has gone and the game at the university will be the better for it; the measure of support for Egan was amply demonstrated when his players chaired him from the field.

Once more this game made fools of us all. Cambridge were confounded at every point and often it was Egan who frustrated them, at the lineout and in the loose. Oxford's captain so stifled Underwood that Durand was able to kick downfield and Moore, straining every sinew, fed the chase

for the try which wrote *finis* to the fancied Cambridge effort. It was, in all ways, a triumph for the red-headed Irishman.

Cambridge won the lineouts through Egan and Hayashi, another key component. The Japanese prop dislocated his knee in the first five minutes but the limb slipped straight back and he continued unimpeded.

They had the upper hand in the set-pieces and were able to obtain that vital forward momentum which gave them the scrum feed so frequently. Haly, disregarded as a goalkicker, scored with every opportunity (as did Davies, too) and opportunities were too limited for him.

Davies's conversion gave Cambridge a 9-6 lead but Oxford's scrum won ground for Moloney to drop a 30-metre goal that levelled matters. Oxford limited Davies's effectiveness as a general by cutting off his supply and Booth endured a torrid time behind an unsteady scrum and was haunted by Moore – his club colleague at Cardiff – and Taylor.

Roberts, charging down Booth's kick, forced the lineout, where Cambridge were penalised for a high tackle, and Haly kicked the goal for a 12-9 half-time advantage.

Davies's second penalty, when Roberts was caught offside, brought brief hope but, although the Cambridge

lineout effort had increased, they could achieve nothing behind the forwards. Davies broke, only for Holmes to knock on, and Haly's second penalty preceded the sight of Moore, the bearded scrum-half, scampering clear ahead of the labouring Robertson and the desperate Underwood.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Trials, Hein, Moon, Corrigan; 2nd H, Moloney, Cambridge University: Try, Davies; 2nd H, Holmes, Haly. OXFORD UNIVERSITY: C M Parsons (Presentation Brothers, Cork and St Anne's); G M Heale (Taff HS, London), G P Moore (Cardiff), G S Groom (Brynmor and St Catherine's), R J Moloney (Presentation Brothers, Cork and St Anne's); S J Stead (Cardiff), J A Williams (Cardiff), P J Price (Cardiff), P Paul (Preston, Gymnasium and Templeton), A P Moore (Llanishen HS, Cardiff and St Anne's); K Hayashi (Tokushisa Johoku HS, St Anne's); G S Groom (Cardiff University and University, A E Evans (Michaels House and University), D G Roberts (Kenswick and St Anne's), W M C Hales (Cardiff), P J Price (Cardiff), Gore CS, Sweeney, A J Booth (Cardiff), G Hughes, Hally (Blodham and St Edmund's), C M Bell (Bromsgrove School and Magdalene), T Underwood (Geraldine Castle and St Edmund's), A J Davies (Presentation Brothers, Cork and St Edmund's), A J Poulton (Dulverton), A J Robert (Watford), G S Groom (Magdalene), A J O'Farrell (Cardiff), G S Groom (Cardiff), John and Sidney Sweeney, S B Holmes (Cockermouth GS and St Edmund's), C M A Sheasby (Radley and Hughes Hall). Referee: O Doyle (Ireland).

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Pre-vote veto annoys league

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE RIFT between the Football League and the Football Association deepened at a League management committee in London yesterday, where there was disquiet at the FA's refusal to allow league officials to speak to county

councillors, many of whom come from the various county associations, must vote on the issue on January 14.

Bill Fox, the league president, was alarmed that the FA declined such permission, and Andy Williamson, the assistant secretary, said: "It is galling to be unable to persuade the people who will make the ultimate decision in January. They should be able to make up their minds after hearing our proposals in detail. We do not feel it was very

positive of the FA to decline permission for us to visit the counties. The president is very concerned."

The meeting reached a decision as to its stance on Robert Maxwell's financial involvement in Tottenham Hotspur, but would say nothing publicly about yesterday. "We are writing to both and Dorsetton and Mr Maxwell who frustrated them, at the lineout and in the loose. Oxford's captain so stifled Underwood that Durand was able to kick downfield and Moore, straining every sinew, fed the chase

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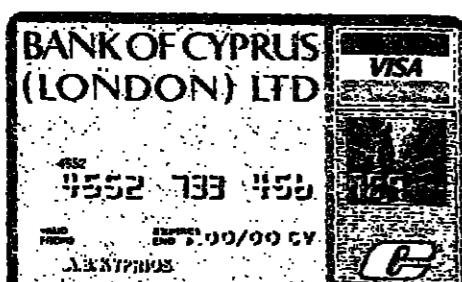
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cut in its forecast budget, Lord Hartington effectively urged the board to concentrate cash on the essential areas rather than spreading the levy "even more thinly" to uphold the sport's huge superstructure. That alone would start a shake-out among racing's weaker and less efficient sectors.

Speaking at the annual Gimcrack dinner at York, Lord Hartington said: "If, in the months to come, as many people fear, there is a significant downturn in the number of horses in training, then we must position ourselves for sterner measures."

He has called on the Jockey Club's race planning committee to produce options for reducing the bloated fixture list, which is provisionally due to include 1,142 meetings in 1991.

If racing's fortunes deteriorate dramatically, I understand racing's rulers may favour "two-tier" racing, with smaller tracks running the equivalent of glorified point-to-point meetings with no guaranteed minimum prize-money.

Of the bookmakers' contribution to racing, Lord Hartington said the sport did not receive "a proper return for its product off-course." He said: "The bookmakers are not immune to recession and some of them will no doubt wish to protect their liability to pay, but this will not deter us from exploring ways in which they can contribute more – not necessarily through the mechanism of the levy alone."

"There have to be ways in which racing can share more equitably in the rewards which can come from a unified push to increase betting turnover."

Government decisions on the Tote and the level of betting duty are crucial for racing's future and Lord Hartington said the Jockey Club had been asked to present racing's case to the Treasury before the next Budget. "This is a supremely important opportunity for the Jockey Club to make a powerful presentation."

Racing's leaders will highlight racing's value as a tax generator and employer; point out the impact of the Popplewell and Taylor reports on racecourse finances; and seek help similar to the £100m return to football by the government.

"We will detail the implications for the racing and breed-

ing industry of a possible change in VAT regulations post 1993. We will discuss the transfer of the Tote from government to racing's control and, most important of all, will call for a reduction in off-course betting duty and an equivalent increase in the levy."

Lord Hartington said racing must help itself by attracting more investment, owners, racegoers, sponsorship and betting opportunities. "There has been a lot of talk about self-help – let us mean it and let us make it work."

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Sussex have arranged a limited-overs cricket match against Surrey at Hove on April 11.

Sussex are still trying to raise money for a pre-season tour to Sri Lanka next spring.

Gooch's players receive a rocket

From ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
BOWRAL

GRAHAM GOOCH, the England cricket captain, witnessed at close quarters yesterday the shambles into which his touring side has descended in his absence. His response was another acrimonious dressing-room scene and a strong hint that he will return to serious duty in tomorrow's Series Cup match against New Zealand.

Gooch received such a favourable specialist's report on his wounded hand in Perth on Monday that he played his first game for more than a month yesterday, leading England in a festive fixture against the Bradman XI at Bowral. It made no difference to England's wretched form.

The game was lost by seven wickets and Gooch was not in a mood to let the matter rest. "I have told the players what I think," he said on emerging from the dressing room. "We were outplayed. We are not doing ourselves justice and unless things improve we are not going to end up on the right side of the result very often.

"The things we were doing wrong early in the tour have not improved. Confidence has suffered; it is bound to have done. But I believe in the players I have got here and I am not going to quit on them. We are all going to have to work even harder."

When he batted, Gooch made only seven and looked understandably out of touch, finally misfiting a full toss to long-off. "I feel a bit rusty. You can't just slot straight back into it again after a month off," he said.

But having suffered no reaction from either batting or fielding yesterday, Gooch is now plainly anxious to take charge in what may be a critical World Series Cup match tomorrow, when defeat for either side will make it very hard for them to qualify for the finals.

"The doctor's advice is that I won't do the hand any more damage if I get hit on it," he said. "I had no real problems today and I am hopeful of playing on Thursday. My job is to play cricket and I do not enjoy sitting around watching."

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Yorkshire silent on Jarvis

By MARTIN SEARBY

YORKSHIRE left their members bewildered last night after the cricket committee met Paul Jarvis, their fast bowler, and after a two-hour meeting made an inconclusive statement.

It said: "The cricket sub-committee has met with Paul Jarvis and his solicitor and it is agreed between them that there be no statement and that, in accordance with the terms of the contract between Paul Jarvis and the club, the secretary will notify Paul Jarvis of its decision in due course."

Brian Walsh, QC, the club chairman, led the meeting in the absence of Brian Close, who was otherwise engaged. But he refused to confirm or deny whether the cricket committee, which was also missing, England selector Philip Sharratt, had actually arrived at any conclusions after its meeting with the fast bowler, who was called before them to explain comments made in the media about Yorkshire's refusal to employ an overseas player.

Jarvis, aged 25, left the meeting with his solicitor with a brief "no comment".

A Norse fairy tale which Major should read

DAVID MILLER on how a small Norwegian town is preparing to handle the Winter Olympics

provincial town of 20,000 people be entrusted with the care of a sports event that will, prior to the Atlanta Summer Games of 1996, be the richest sporting event in history. The US television rights income alone (£200 million) is a